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SUMMARY.

Peace is to be arranged.

It is officially announced that the plenipotentiaries have arrived at an agreement upon all the points in dispute.

The plenipotentiaries have decided to prepare a treaty embodying the agreement.

Japan waived the claim for the reimbursement of her war expenses and consented to the division of Saghalien.

She also withdrew her demand for the surrender of the interned warships and the limitation of Russia's naval power in the East.

The Japanese obtain only the portion of the Chinese Eastern Railway south of Changtu.

M. Witte telegraphed to President Roosevelt that history would ascribe to him the glory of the peace of Portsmouth.

M. Witte, in an interview, said it was incredible that peace should have been concluded under all the circumstances.

He said he was amazed that the Japanese had accepted the ultimatum which he had presented at the final sitting of the conference.

"The result is a complete victory for us," M. Witte said. "We do not pay a kopeck as indemnity, and we get half of Saghalien."

The plenipotentiaries have telegraphed to their respective Governments recommending that an armistice be arranged.

All the preliminaries for the renewal and extension of the Anglo-Japanese alliance have been arranged.

A Tokio correspondent reports that the new treaty of alliance has already been signed.

The "Statist" declares that, according to friends who have recently visited Australia, political morality is degenerating.

Mr. T. W. Lawson is endeavouring to make a copper pool, with a capital of £2,000,000.

Americans aboard a tourist steamer in Germany were hissed by their fellow passengers for cheering the British fleet.

It is stated that the French Minister has been ordered to leave Fez.

The failure of the late M. Cronier involves £8,000,000.

Australia against Gloucestershire lost seven wickets for 184.

The Legislative Council amended the leasing provisions of the Observatory Hill Bill by giving the Government power to sell the subject lands.

The Council read the Neglected Children's Bill the second time, and passed the Crimes Bill through committee.

The Legislative Assembly debated the Shires Bill and Mr. O'Sullivan's amendment to postpone or shelve the measure.

Labour members were pronounced in their opposition to the bill, as were also Mr. Waddell and some members of the former Government party.

In the Senate the Copyright Bill was read the second time.

The House of Representatives further debated the budget speech. The Defence Estimates were laid on the table.

The amount for the current year is £591,431, a decrease of £696 on the Defence vote for last year.

The principal evidence before the Lands Commission related to a batch of improvement leases in the Orange-Bathurst district.

All the leases, for which W. N. Willis was agent, were rushed through as the result of pressing action by Mr. MacFarlane.

They were contained in a special "Gazette," prepared after midnight, and issued on a day when land matters are not usually published.

The Government Printer said he had demanded Executive authority before he published the "Gazette," as "so many unusual things were done about that time."

Mr. Davies said that the object of the expedition was probably to allow of reappraisement, but Mr. Ashton refused the reappraisement applications.

John Nicholls explained that when he signed the documents purporting to be transfers of leases they had not been "filled in."

Mr. G. D. Clark, secretary of the prohibition party, says that the Liquor Bill contains some objectionable provisions, but would be useful if amended.

He condemns the two-thirds majority clause, also a clause relating to an absolute majority of electors as opposed to a majority of voters.

Mr. J. Ashton, secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, says the bill would have been better if it had been based upon evidence such as his association could give.

He thinks that four-fifths of the electors on the rolls should record their votes before the provisions of the bill become effective.

Mrs. Clark, secretary of the N.S.W. Alliance, says that the bill is absolutely worthless owing to the stipulations attaching to the local option clauses.

The Registrar of the Federal Arbitration Court has ruled that the objections to the registration of the N.S.W. Traffic Association are not well founded.

The Minister for Defence promised a deputation from the Melbourne Trades Hall that military equipment would be locally purchased, even at increased cost.

At Toowoomba Police Court Herbert Russell Stephens was charged with murdering his brother, Ralph Stephens, and was remanded.

Mr. Wade condemns the Commerce Bill, and he has grave doubts about its constitutionality. He says it interferes with State rights.

The abolition of preferential railway rates on wool has transferred some Riverina trade to Melbourne and some to Adelaide.

An extraordinary conflict of testimony exists regarding the voucher which was said to prove a corrupt payment to Captain Seddon in New Zealand.

The Auditor-General has reported that no such payment was made, and that no voucher for it existed.

Three clerks positively swear that they saw the voucher, and that some trickery must have been practised, and the Audit Office evaded.

The Queensland Premier, as the result of communications with the Austrian authorities, says he expects many Austrian immigrants.

Mr. John Vincent Casey (a partner in the firm of Dalton Brothers) died suddenly in a train near Redfern station yesterday.

Whilst Mr. K. V. Howard was on a shooting excursion near Casino his gun burst, blowing his brains out.

The mangled remains of a woman named Hardt were found on the railway near Boulder (W.A.) station on Tuesday evening.

A patriotic demonstration was made at Erskineville Superior Public School yesterday, when a Union Jack was unfurled.

Mr. Carruthers set a new town clock going at Paddington. The clock was bought with money subscribed by the residents.

In the case of Isadore Wyhe, charged with murdering the girl M'Farlane, the jury were locked up last night.

Work was resumed at Pelaw-Main colliery yesterday, but there were not sufficient places for all the old workmen.

Interesting correspondence relating to the manufacture of locomotives was tabled in Parliament yesterday.

Mr. Oliver's colleagues dissented from his opinion that if the locomotives were constructed locally the works should be under the Commissioners.

They declared that one of Mr. Oliver's statements was totally inaccurate, and Mr. Carruthers charged him with a remarkable change of attitude.

The French barque Asie, on the Tasmanian coast, was carried against cliffs, but was saved from serious damage through getting fast in a crevice.

The Socialist League (whose candidates lost their deposits at the last Senate elections) are protesting against the deposit clauses of the Act.

The Customs at Newcastle have instituted a prosecution respecting a "prohibited immigrant" who served in the Boer war and was in the Royal Naval Reserve.

Business was quiet in the Stock and Share market, the position being steady.

A large number of sales took place in Broken Hill silver shares, which were firmer.

Trade in the Import market was restricted.

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Sydney, [illegible]

NOTICE [illegible] 500 shares [illegible] numbered, Nos. 43,991 to 44,490, in the name of O'BRIEN and ROBERT ROBERTS, has been [illegible]. The Company will issue a Fresh Certificate for said shares unless the original Certificate be produced at the Company's Office, 15 O'Connell-street, [illegible] within a reasonable time.
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IN THE COURT OF ARBITRATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—No. 15 of 1905.—In the matter of an Industrial Dispute between THE MILK AND ICE CARTERS AND DAIRYMEN'S EMPLOYEES' UNION, Industrial Union of Employees, Claimant, and THE NEW SOUTH WALES FRESH FOOD AND ICE COMPANY, LIMITED, Industrial Union of Employers, Respondent.—Take Notice that the abovenamed Claimant will make application to the Court of Arbitration to declare that the conditions of employment set out in the application of the Claimant Union, and duly filed shall be a Common Rule of the Milk, Ice, and Dairymen's industry for the City of Sydney and the area extending to and including the Borough of Parramatta, on the western line, the Municipality of Liverpool, on the southern line, the town of Hornsby, on the northern line, the town of Sutherland, on the Illawarra line, and the Municipality of Manly and surrounding districts to Pittwater, including Mosman and North Sydney. And take Notice that objections may be filed at the office of the Registrar not later than 28 days from the date of publication of this notice. A copy of the application may be inspected at the office of the undersigned free of charge. Take Notice also that if objections are not filed on your behalf you may be made subject to such order as the Court may make against you in your absence. Take Notice, further, that any such order which the Court may make as to the Common Rule may be in terms differing from the claims contained in the application for the Common Rule. The following are the particulars of the matters proposed to be made a Common Rule as aforesaid:—(1) Definition of Milk Carters and Ice Carters; (2) Fixing of the hours of labour and of the minimum wage for all employees engaged in the trade; (3) Regulation of the employment of boys; (4) Claim for preference to unionists and the adoption of principle last to come first to go; (5) Provision against board or lodging of employees; (6) Allowance for waste; (7) Existing and future agreements. Dated this 28th day of August, 1905. ALBION RICHARD CROFT, Legal Representative for Claimant Union, Darley-chambers, 156 King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of a BANKRUPTCY PETITION filed the thirtieth day of August, 1905.—To BISHORA JOSEPH, of Wollongong, Hawker.—Take NOTICE that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you to the Court by HENRY BULL and CO., Limited, of Sydney, and the Court has ordered that the publication of this notice in the Sydney Morning Herald and Daily Telegraph newspapers shall be deemed to be service of the petition upon you; and further take Notice that the said petition will be heard at this Court on the first day of September next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a Sequestration Order against you in your absence. The petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court. Dated this thirtieth day of August, 1905. HAROLD A. RICH, Chief Clerk. PERKINS and FOSBERY, Solicitors for Petitioning Creditors, 122 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—No. 28547 A.—In the Will of EDWARD PRICE, late of Blayney, in the State of New South Wales, Freeholder, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Ninth Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the fourth day of October, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court, commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Administrator. Dated this twenty-eighth day of August, A.D. 1905. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. GEORGE PILE, Proctor for the Administrator, Blayney. By A. W. E. WEAVER, 2 Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIZA HAGGITT, late of Parramatta, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First and Final Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the third day of October, at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 30th day of August, in the year 1905. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. RAWLINSON and HAMILTON, Proctors for Executors, Martin-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of EDITH AGATHA HARRIS, late of Wyong, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES WILLIAM HARRIS, the Husband of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. And Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Court for a reduction of the usual Administration Bond; and all persons having any claim against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned within such fourteen days as aforesaid. PERCY C. LAW, Proctor for Applicant, 1A Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ROBERT CALDWELL, Junior, late of Bobundarah, in the State of New South Wales, Selector, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration de bonis non of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JANET CASSILLIS and ALICE PARKES, the only Sisters of the said deceased; and all Notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. All Creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims (if any) to the undersigned within the time aforesaid, as it is the intention of the applicants to apply to have the usual Bond dispensed with. BLAXLAND, MAWSON, and ROSE, Proctors for the Applicants, Cooma. By their Agents—ICETON and FAITHFULL, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SARAH MEE, late of Wellington, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE BURTON BROWN, the Executor named in the said Will; and all persons having claims against the Estate of the said deceased are notified to send particulars thereof to the undersigned within the said fourteen days, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. J. H. QUIRK, Proctor for the Executor, Wellington. By McDONNELL and MOFFITT, his Agents, George-street, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM HENRY TREEN STANLEY, late of Katoomba, in the State of New South Wales, Tobacconist, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to LOUISA STANLEY, the Widow of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at Katoomba.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MINNIE MAY BUTTON, late of George's River-road, Croydon, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN BUTTON, the Father of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at George's River-road, Croydon.

PURSUANT to a JUDGMENT of the CHANCERY DIVISION of THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, ENGLAND, made in an action of JENKINS v BURLEIGH, 1905 J. 510.—EMILY MARIANNE BURLEIGH, otherwise EMILY MARIANNE HALL, who is believed to have been, in the year 1868, residing at Little Nicholson-street, Balmain, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, if living, or her heir-at-law or devisee under her Will if dead. Or SAMUEL ROMILLY BURLEIGH and EMILY ANN BURLEIGH (respectively son and daughter of Samuel Burleigh hereinafter mentioned). Or other persons claiming as being the heir-at-law or devisee under the Will of or otherwise entitled to the real Estate of Samuel Burleigh, late of Balmain, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and who is believed to have died at Balmain on the 28th December, 1865,—are by their Solicitors on or before the 1st day of December, 1905, to come in and prove their claims to the real estate of the said Samuel Burleigh at the Chambers of Mr. Justice Farwell and Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady, at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, England, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said judgment. Friday, the 15th day of December, 1905, at 12 o'clock noon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for the hearing and adjudicating upon the claims. Note.—The said Samuel Burleigh was a son of Samuel Burleigh, late of Cotham New Road, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, who died on the 9th January, 1854. Dated this 17th day of July, 1905. SPENCER WHITEHEAD, Master. ELLIS MUNDAY and CLARKE, 23 College Hill, E.C., London, Solicitors for the party having the conduct of the inquiry. ALLEN, ALLEN, and HEMSLEY, Solicitors, Australasia-chambers, Martin-place, Sydney.

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RICKARD'S AUCTIONS, SATURDAY.—Cove Estate, Leichhardt, 2.30; Sunnyside Estate, Five Dock, 4.

TEA and Grill Rooms, city, est. 16 yrs., fully furn., takings £18, £100. Kitt and Co., 38 Eliz.-st.

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KEANE, THOMAS, last seen at Maryborough, Queensland, 10 years ago, supposed to have gone Sydney and worked with a contractor named Neville, thought to have been in plague hospital, Sydney, in year 1900. Father, Michael Keane, of Derould, Kilnamona, Co. Clare, Ireland, inquiring. Anybody knowing whereabouts or evidence of death please communicate with GAVAN DUFFY and KING, Solicitors, National Trustees-building, 125 Queen-street, Melbourne.

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TENDERS are hereby invited, and will be received by me up to Noon on 4th SEPTEMBER, 1905, for the purchase of the undermentioned Assets, viz.:—

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TENDERS will be received up to noon on SATURDAY, the 2nd proximo, for the PURCHASE of the STOCK-IN-TRADE of the abovementioned Estate, viz.:—

Groceries	£114	3	8
Ironmongery	22	3	0
Crockery	22	3	0
Patent Medicines and Fancy Goods ..	12	18	7
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PAINTERS and Grainers.—Tenders for Cottage, Garfield-st, near North-rd, Five Dock.

RICKARD'S AUCTIONS, SATURDAY.—Cove Estate, Leichhardt, 2.30; Sunnyside Estate, Five Dock, 4.

SYDNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—Elevators and Lifts at Q.V.M. Building.—TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until 1 o'clock p.m., on THURSDAY, the 14th September, for the CONVERSION OF ELEVATORS and LIFTS at the QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET BUILDING from HYDRAULIC to ELECTRIC MOTIVE POWER. Specification and full particulars may be obtained at the office of the City Building Surveyor. (Contractors will be required to deposit 5 guineas before obtaining specification.) THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk. Town Hall, Sydney, 31st August, 1905.

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TENDERS will be received up till noon on TUESDAY, the 5th prox, for Painting and other work at premises Nos. 318 and 320 Glenmore-road, Paddington. Specifications may be seen at my office. H. P. OWEN, Master in Lunacy, Chancery-square, Sydney.

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SHELVING and Fixtures, suit warehouse or shop, cheap. W. P. Mace, Wynyard-build., Wyn.-sq.

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BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JOHN SPENCER, Dentist, has removed to Oxford-st, 82 King-st, over Brothwood, Chemist.

COAL, FIREWOOD, ETC.

PELAW-MAIN COAL gives a strong heat and leaves no ashes. Lockley Bros., Druitt-st. T., 1878.

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WHY PAY EXORBITANT INTEREST when you can borrow any amount PRIVATELY on Furniture, Deeds, etc., my charge being £2 FOR EVERY £10 ADVANCED, repayable in TWELVE MONTHS? So do not be GULLED by flattering advertisements, as none mention the TIME OF REPAYMENT, but apply to me, and I will make you an advance, also pay off any loan at the above rate. NO FINES, ETC., CHARGED. GEORGE WILLIS, 115 Phillip-st, near King-st, city.

MONEY LENT. (Established 1866.) AT THE LOWEST RATE IN AUSTRALIA. At the Oldest Established Office in Sydney. WE WILL LEND YOU £5 FOR £1, £10 FOR £2, £15 FOR £3, £20 FOR £4, up to any amount, WITHOUT SECURITY. Also on FURNITURE and PIANOS (without possession), JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS, DEEDS, CONTRACTS, Interests under Wills, etc. Repayments by weekly, fortnightly, or monthly, to suit borrowers. Applications by letter or otherwise will receive immediate attention. Strictest secrecy and civility. NOTE.—Before finally deciding elsewhere call in and see us. THE STATE LOAN COMPANY. 88 King-street, 2 doors from Pitt-st, 1st floor, upstairs. Tel., 1346 (M. Joseph). DAVID KRON, Secretary.

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REVOLUTION IN MONEY LENDING. NOT TO CRUSH, BUT TO ASSIST BORROWERS. JOEL PHILLIPS, late corner of Market-street, is now located at 79 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, ONE DOOR FROM KING-STREET, next to USHER'S METROPOLITAN HOTEL. I have no big salaried managers to pay, no directors or large staff of clerks to pay, but attend to and do the business myself, thereby saving that heavy expense. BORROWERS THEREFORE HAVE the Benefit of THAT SAVING. I am the actual lender, and trade in my own name. I WILL LEND £5, and charge £1, £10 for £2, £15 for £3, £20 for £4, and at that rate to any amount. Existing loans paid off at above rates. SOME SECURITIES as low as 4½ per CENT. ADVANCES MADE ON ALL MERCANTILE SECURITIES. TRADE BILLS DISCOUNTED DAILY. MY MOTTO: Courteous treatment, civility, money sharp, with every secrecy. All communications receive immediate attention. Tel., 2579.

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Loan of £100, repayable by monthly instalments of £2 5s.
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STRICTLY PRIVATE ADVANCES ON ANY REASONABLE SECURITY AT 188 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, corner of Park-street. LOW RATES. FAIR TREATMENT. ARTHUR ELWYN, Manager, late of 118-120 Market-street. SPECIAL NOTICE.—A private entrance through vestibule next door (No. 37 Park-street) is now available, thus affording absolute privacy.

MONEY LENT BY A. WOLPER, 50 Elizabeth-street, Sydney. 50. Between King and Hunter streets. Established 1888. ON FURNITURE, PIANOS, SEWING MACHINES, DEEDS, etc., at the following rates of interest:—£2 for 10s; £5 for 20s; £10 for 35s; £20 for 70s. EASY REPAYMENTS. Existing Loans paid off. The public who have had dealings with me in the past I am sure of their confidence. Those who do not know me I ask to favour me with a call before arranging a loan elsewhere. MY MOTTO IS FAIR DEALING. Branch Office: 65 GLEBE-ROAD, GLEBE. Open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WE ADVANCE MONEY ON ALL SECURITIES. LOWEST INTEREST—EASY TERMS. N.S.W. MONT DE PIETE CO., LTD., CAPITAL, £100,000. SEVENTY-FOUR CASTLEREAGH-STREET, 74. EUSTACE BENNETT, General Manager. THIS COMPANY WAS FORMED TO SUPPRESS USURY.

MONEY SAVED IS MONEY EARNED. THEREFORE, when you REQUIRE a PRIVATE LOAN for ANY AMOUNT on FURNITURE, PIANOS, Etc (WITHOUT POSSESSION), and other approved security, call on me and obtain it at LOWER INTEREST than elsewhere. I LEND MY OWN MONEY. Have NO PUBLICITY, DELAY, or FINES. Repayments to suit Borrowers. M. DAVIDSON, NATIONAL LOAN OFFICE, Wentworth-court, 64 Elizabeth-street, near King-street.

MONEY LENT on Sewing Machines, Furniture, Pianos, etc. (without registration or removal, which means absolute secrecy. Promissory Notes discounted daily. For Leniency and STRAIGHT DEALING we DEFY competition. Rates of Interest: £3 for 7s 6d; £1 for 10s; £10 for £1; £20 for £2. GEO. TAYLOR and CO., 153 Queen V. Markets, 2nd floor, Town Hall end.

I ADVANCE MONEY PRIVATELY, IF YOU WANT MONEY IN A FEW HOURS ON FURNITURE, DEPOSIT OF DEEDS, PRO. NOTES, etc. (repayable by instalments), EASY TERMS and NO PUBLICITY, CALL OR WRITE. T. MITCHELL, 13 Castlereagh-street, near Hunter-street.

FEELING it a long-felt want, I have opened an office, so that Ladies or Gentlemen can get a LOAN without recourse to the ordinary money-lenders or pawnbrokers. I will lend any amount from £1 to £400 at lowest rate of interest, and repayable by very low instalments, on Furniture, Jewellery, Deeds, or any other security whatever. Absolute privacy. Mrs. Francis, 4 Lincoln Inn-chs., 38 Eliz.-st.

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THE BEST WAY TO BORROW MONEY in small or large sums, on ALL SECURITIES, in the CHEAPEST, quickest, and most PRIVATE MANNER, is to apply to UNION FINANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED, 318 George-street, Sydney. Tel., 2873. R. S. NELSON and E. H. CALLAN } Sole Directors.

IF YOU MUST BORROW, Apply to the BRITANNIA LOAN CO., 111 Elizabeth-street, Between King and Market streets. LOANS GRANTED from £3 upwards on or without security. Easy repayments. No fees or fines. 'Phone, 3994. J. HERMAN, Manager.

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SYDNEY FINANCE OFFICE, 105A CASTLEREAGH-STREET, Four doors from Market-street. For LOANS without Fees, Fines, or Registration. Strict confidential.

IF you require a strictly Private Advance, without security, £3 or more, CALL on the ROYAL LOAN OFFICE, just started business at 31 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, near Hunter-street.

TO LEND, £5 to £500, upon Personal Security, Deeds, Life Policies, etc., repayable by instalments, low interest, no fees. J. G. READ, 256 Pitt-street, corner of Park-street. Tel., 2535. Estab. 1874.

LONDON FINANCE AND MORTGAGE CO., 42 Elizabeth-street (near Hunter-street). OLDEST OFFICE for PRIVATE LOANS on EASY terms on Furniture (without poss.), P.N.'s, or any security.

TRUST FUNDS at 4½ per cent., on City or Suburban Freehold or Leasehold Properties, Dairy Farms, Stations, Selections, Deeds, Scrip. Interests under Wills. Build. Loans. JAMES CARROLL, 19 Hunter-st.

I LEND MONEY on any security. Repayments and terms easiest in Sydney. NO PUBLICITY. PERCY M. COHEN, Lincoln Inn-chambers, 38 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, nr. Hunter-st.

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LOANS on Furniture, Deeds, or any security, upwards, 19 Craigend-st, Darlinghurst. 9 a.m. to 9.

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TRUST FUNDS to LEND at lowest rates. Dibbs and Parker, solicitors, 92 Pitt-st.

MONEY on Furniture and approved security, without remov. W. Berkman, 397 King st, Ntn. T., 373.

SMALL LOANS, from 10s to £50, any security. E. H. Storey, 1 first floor, 44 Castlereagh-st.

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MONEY to Lend, on Mortgage, at lowest rates. W. F. Hawkins, solicitor, 88 Pitt-st.

F. THOMPSON, 21 Regent-st, Padd., advances Money privately on furniture, deeds, etc. 10 to 4.

POULTRY, DOGS, ETC.

HEARSON incubator, 100 eggs, for sale, in capital condition, complete. Apply 1, R. Davis, Herald.

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Van, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses and Harness, and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. T., 1331.

BREAKING-IN SULKY TURN-OUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., BAY MARE, 3yrs., 14.2, thickly set, quiet, and staunch. Breaking-in Sulky and Harness, in good order.

HOODED D.S. BUGGY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., American Hooded D.S. Cutunder Buggy, with pole, shafts, lamps, and brakes, in splendid condition.

2 LIGHT HORSES AND DRAUGHT MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Red Roan Cob, 5 yrs., 15 hands, and Chestnut Mare, 5yrs., 15 hands, both broken to saddle and harness; also, Heavy Draught Blue Roan Mare, 6yrs., thoroughly staunch.

HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. Keen Bros., to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., BAY GELDING, broken to harness.

TO PRIVATE GENTLEMEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Darvall to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., BAY GELDING, 6yrs., 16 hands, good and reliable in harness, used to trams and motor-cars.

RACING PONY, "SUNDAY."

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, "SUNDAY," B.M., 14.3, Kens. cert., by Churchill from Torchlight, by Manton from a Waxd light mare. Fuller particulars at sale.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Br. M. by Fireworks, dam of Gamster, from Homespun (dam of Veronica), by Megas (imp.), dam by Plover, etc.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their RAILWAY YARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 sharp, On account of Messrs. M'Intosh Bros., D. Buffier, and other Owners, 50 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above, On account Mr. N. LAVERSCOMBE, The Oaks. 30 Fresh Country Horses, comprising some good upstanding Light Harness and Saddle Horses, a few strong tradesmen's Cart Horses, and some Draughts, all 4 to 6 yrs. old, in splendid condition, broken and unbroken.

On account Mr. CHAS. MARSHALL, Wellington. 11 First-class Horses, comprising principally strong Harness Horses, broken and unbroken, 4 to 6 yrs., suitable for cab, omnibus, and business cart use. On account Owner. 4 Heavy and active Draughts, all thoroughly staunch and good.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

SATURDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 2.

AT 12 O'CLOCK.

225 HEAD. 225.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:—
15 Newly-calved Cows.
20 Springing Cows and Heifers.
15 Fat Cattle from local paddocks.
40 Head, comprising 27 first-class Dairy Heifers, about 12 months old, the balance Steers, 9 to 12 months.
60 Head, comprising Store Cows, Heifers, and Steers.
50 Good Dairy Heifers, 12 to 18 months old.
25 Head, consisting of 15 Dairy Heifers, 9 months to 1½ year old.
5 Young Cows, in forward condition, and 5 3-year-old Bullocks.

TRAIN leaves Sydney for St. Marys on Morning of Sale at 10.15, returning at 3.42 and 6.47 p.m.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held THIS DAY by the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.; John Bridge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place: HAIR, HORNS, etc., at 10 a.m.; TALLOW, at 2.30 p.m.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY will sell, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30, Hair, Horns, and Bones. And at 2.30 o'clock, Tallow.

IMPORTANT AND UNRESERVED SALE, THIS DAY, At 11, at 459 King-street, Newtown, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS. B. M. Bedsteads, Combinations, C. Drawers, Ware, Tables, Aust. Chairs, Couches, Oleographs, Linoleum, Glassw., Cutlery, Dresser, Ldry. Req., etc. MITCHELL and CRANSTON.

To Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing. HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE OF MODERN ENGLISH-MADE FURNITURE of Very Superior Finish and Design. TO-MORROW, AT 11 SHARP, At "Gladstone," 601 Bourke-street, Moore Park, city, close to Cleveland-street, comprising:—
UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, BY "ESDAILE," choice, sweet-toned instrument.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, in Rosewood.
Magnificent Walnut and Leather Dining-room Suite, 9 pieces, specially good.
MASSIVE OVERMANTELS, Walnut, unique designs.
Handsome Cabinet Sideboard, Mirror Fronts.
SECRETAIRE BOOKCASE, about 200 Volumes Books, by Standard Authors.
Choice Collection Paintings, Etchings, Steel Engravings, and Oleographs.
Marble Clocks, rare Vases and Bric-a-brac.
Brussels Carpets, Squares, Hearthrugs.
BEDROOM FURNISHINGS.
Walnut German Bedstead, very unique.
Solid Nickel Bedstead, Bed, and Table Linen.
Wardrobes, Combinations, Drapings, Electroware.
*** THE WHOLE ABSOLUTELY EQUAL TO NEW. ON VIEW TO-DAY, from 11 to 5.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON, under Instructions from Proprietors, will sell ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

CITY.

TO RESTAURANT KEEPERS AND OTHERS.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M., on the Premises, IMPERIAL ARCADE, PITT-STREET (Basement), FURNITURE and FURNISHINGS of the COFFEE and LUNCHEON ROOMS formerly known as the CAFE ORIENTAL, Comprising 50 TABLES, with Marble Tops, Austrian and American Chairs, Mirrors, Cruets, Cutlery, Curtains, Partitions, Crockery, Glassware, Cash Register, Cigars, Cigarettes, Showcases, Office Furniture and Fittings, Counters, Kitchen Utensils, Stove, and Sundries, etc.

MEDCALF AND CO. have been favoured with instructions to sell as above on THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M. POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE. Auctioneers' Offices: 182 REDFERN-STREET, REDFERN. Tel., 100 R.

DARLINGHURST.

THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock sharp. At 306 UPPER BROUGHAM-STREET (Next Church), Under Instructions from Mrs. Glissan. USEFUL COTTAGE FURNITURE, AUSTRIAN CHAIRS, SIDEBOARD, TABLES, etc., COUCHES, OCC. L. CHAIRS, SUPERIOR PRINTS and ENGRAVINGS, CHINA, GLASS, and SUNDRIES, MAGIC LANTERN, ACETYLENE GENERATOR, LINEN. FURNITURE of 4 BEDROOMS, WARDROBES, COMBINATION CHESTS, SINGLE and DOUBLE BEDSTEADS, and BEDDING. QUANTITY of LINOLEUM and CARPETS. MANY USEFUL ARTICLES and EFFECTS.

H. Y. NORTON will dispose of the above by Auction. No Reserve. Inspection Morning of Sale. Telephone, 746.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION. FIRST-CLASS BUILDING MATERIALS. THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m., on the Site of Demolition, corner MOREHEAD and ARTHUR STREETS, REDFERN (just off CLEVELAND-STREET), MATERIALS OF VILLA RESIDENCE.
20,000 Sandstock Bricks, A1 quality.
1000 Bangor Slates, 20 x 10, fine lot.
4 pairs of French Casements, with Frames.
10 Panel and Ledge Doors, Boxframes, and Sashes.
Handsome Chandeliers and Gas Fittings.
400ft Iron and Sawn Paling Fencing.
3000ft Hardwood Joists, 6 x 2½, 5 x 2½. Oregon.
3000ft Rafters and Wallplates, 4 x 3, 4 x 2½, 3 x 2.
1300ft Flooring, 1000ft Lining and Partition Boards.
Architraves, Skirtings, Mouldings, Patent W.C.
*** All the above Fittings are in Cedar.

A. BARNETT has received instructions to Sell as above, NO RESERVE.

To the Fancy, Toy, China, and Glass Trades. On the PREMISES, 150 GEORGE-STREET WEST, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock, By Order of Messrs. Starkey and Starkey, in the Estate of A. Graves. THE WHOLE of the Stock and Plant of General Fancy Goods, Toys, China, Glassware, Cutlery, Ornaments, Dolls, Purses, Games, Combs, Stationery, Perfumery, Brushware, Vases, etc.

M. GOULSTON and COMPANY.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street.—The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with M. Phillips, S. Solomon, and J. E. Bloom, at the Camdenville Loan Office, 447 King-street, Newtown. At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc. At 3 o'clock, Sundries and Jewellery.

NEXT SATURDAY, on the Ground, at 3.30, ROSMEAD. Grand Ocean Views. Rich garden soil. Torrens Title. R. and W., Ltd.

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS.
ITS SUPERIOR QUALITY AND FLAVOUR HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MAINTAINED.

AUCTION SALES.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HAIRDRESSERS AND TOBACCONISTS.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M., on the premises, NO. 93 KING-STREET, CITY. Under instruction from THE MORTGAGEES. The whole of the SUPERIOR STOCK-IN-TRADE of A WELL-APPOINTED HAIRDRESSING AND TOBACCONIST BUSINESS, including BARBERS' CHAIRS, Mirrors, Counters, Fittings, and Glass Show Cases, Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes, etc., etc.

SPECIAL NOTE.—THE WHOLE will first be offered in ONE LOT as a GOING CONCERN, and failing a satisfactory bid the goods will be sold SEPARATELY, as per list in the hands of the Auctioneers.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE AUCTION ROOMS OF JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, 128-130 PITT-STREET (NEAR KING-STREET). SUPERIOR FURNITURE and GENERAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS. SEVERAL VALUABLE PIANOFORTES. Also, SMALL CONSIGNMENT OF JEWELLERY, Etc., Etc., Etc. WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET.

PADDINGTON.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, AT 11 A.M., HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE RESIDENCE, 58 WINDSOR-STREET, The Whole of the ALMOST-NEW FURNITURE and BEAUTIFUL APPOINTMENTS, including FINEST QUALITY ELECTROPLATE, GLASSWARE, CHINA, CUTLERY, Collection of Fine Ornaments, in Dresden, Copeland, Cobalt, Victoria, Buda Pesth, etc., etc. MELLOW-TONED PIANO, by Eminent Makers. ART SIDEBOARD, CEDAR BOOKCASE, ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON, OVERMANTELS, CARPETS, LINOLEUMS, SPLENDID LEATHER DINING SUITE. DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS, Ebony Cabinet, Tapestry Suite, Tables, Wall Brackets, Rosewood Chippendale Chairs, etc., etc. THE FURNISHINGS OF THREE BEDROOMS, HANDSOME WALNUT SUITES, Splendid COPPER-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, EUGENIE LOUNGE, DIVAN CHAIRS, ADJUSTABLE LOUNGE, etc., etc. HOUSEHOLD LINEN. KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES.

***The FURNITURE etc., is absolutely equal to new, and should command the attention of intending BUYERS.

SYDNEY DAVIS AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 18 Post-office-chambers, Pitt-street. Tel., 1178.

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT. FRIDAY NEXT, 1st SEPT., 11 A.M. GREAT MONTHLY SALE BY AUCTION AT THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS. VALUABLE HIGH-GRADE FURNITURE, GENERAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, in great variety, and sent in for Unreserved Sale from the residences of Various Gentry, some of the lots are particularly good, and should be attractive to Buyers of the Better Class of Furnishings. Notably a SUPERB 6ft SIDEBOARD, in best solid walnut, with cabinets on each side of centre mirror, wine bin, drawers, etc. A SPLENDID SOLID WALNUT 5ft SIDEBOARD. GRAND OLD 7ft MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD, with large plate-glass mirror back, etc. SEVERAL OTHER SIDEBOARDS, Ancient and Modern Designs. SECRETAIRE BOOKCASE, Revolving Bookstands. AMERICAN OAK and LEATHER DINING CHAIRS. DRAWING-ROOM SUITES and APPOINTMENTS. HALL FURNITURE. LARGE QUANTITY of BEDROOM FURNISHINGS, SUITES, COMB. CHESTS, DRAWERS, CARPETS, LINOLEUMS, RUGS, BLANKETS, DRAPES, CHINAWARE, PLATED WARE. EUREKA GAS STOVES, good order, 407, 410, and others. RONISCH PIANOFORTE, BEETHOVEN PIANOFORTE, CANADIAN PIANOFORTE, STEINBACH PIANOFORTE, all first-class instruments. VALUABLE AMERICAN ORGAN.

N.B.—These Rooms are best spot in the State for Buyers.

MESSRS. STRONGMAN and WATSON, Auctioneers, Burwood Station.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 11 o'clock. At 218A PITT-STREET (opposite Palace Theatre). Cottage Piano, Carpets, Curtains, Ex. Table, 5ft. Sideboard, Leather Suite, Bookcase, Handsome Brass Bedstead complete, Wardrobe, C. Chest, Washstands and Ware, Single Bedsteads, K. Dresser, Enamel Bath, Copper and Furnace, etc.

E. C. NEWBOULD, AUCTIONEER and VALUATOR, will sell as above, without reserve.

IMPERATIVE AND UNRESERVED SALE. THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 2 P.M. At the ROOMS, CITY-CHAMBERS, 243 PITT-STREET, CITY.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions from the MORTGAGEES to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION as above, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, removed to the rooms for convenience of Sale.
2 First-class Drophead SEW. MACHINES
2 Handsome E.P. DISH COVERS
HALL STAND, SIDEBOARD, DRAWERS
SUITES, Occ. Tables, BICYCLE, Linoleum
MARBLE CLOCKS, ENGRAVINGS, T. Glasses
2 Large GLASS CASES, Pictures, Linen
BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, W. Stands and Ware
Forms, Glassware, Ornaments, Crockery
Patent BREAD-CUTTER, Chairs, K. and D. Tables
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS, Sundries, etc., etc.
NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH.
EVERY LINE SUBMITTED MUST BE SOLD AND CLEARED immediately after the SALE.

TO COUNTRY STOREKEEPERS, FURNITURE DEALERS, PRIVATE BUYERS, THE TRADE, AND OTHERS.

IMPORTANT AND UNRESERVED SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES. TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M., on the Premises, Corner of LIVERPOOL and CASTLEREAGH STREETS.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, as above,
20 assorted OVERMANTELS, SIDEBOARDS,
Octagon, Loo, and Gipsy Tables.
5 AMERICAN STOVES (new), latest designs, Couches.
CARPETS, Chests of Drawers, Glassware.
DUCHESS TOILETS, Toilet Glasses, Sewing Machines.
Japanese Tables, Cruets, Ornaments.
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THE WIT OF A WOMAN.

BY A. W. MARCHMONT.

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CHAPTER XV.—Continued.

The tempest was soon over, and I sat on the side of the bed and took off the veil and threw aside the cloak which had been so valuable a disguise, and was drawing the pins out of my hat when I remembered that I must be careful not to disarrange my hair. I was going to pretend to Karl that I had been in the house all the time, and my appearance must bear out that story.

I groped my way to the dressing-table by the window and fumbled about for a match to get a light of some kind; and finding none, drew up the blind. The moon had risen, and this gave a faint light, but it was not enough for my purpose, so I pulled back the curtain, glancing out as I did so.

The window looked upon the garden in the front, and I stood a moment recalling the plan of the house as I had fixed it in my mind when I had gone over it.

I remembered then what for the instant I had stupidly forgotten; that the electric light was installed, and I was turning away to find the switch, when I caught sight of a man moving in the shrubbery.

I thought at first it might be Karl, smoking, or Perry or his son on watch; but it was not. The figure was much too tall for either of the Perrys; and the movements too stealthy and cautious for Karl.

The light was not sufficient for me to get anything like a clear view of the man, yet as he moved there was something about him that seemed familiar. I watched him with growing interest, and presently, having apparently made sure that he was unobserved, he crossed the moonlit grass quickly to the window of the room that was directly underneath mine.

I recognised him then. It was Colonel Katona.

I threw open my window noisily, and he darted away under the shadow of the trees and hurried out of the garden.

It was no mere chance then that he had been in the Radialstrasse at the moment when the carriage was to be there. Someone had brought him there to be a witness of Karl's escapade. Who had done so, and why? Not Karl, nor Madame d'Artelle; and no one else had known of it but Gustav and myself.

I had seen him speak to Gustav as the carriage wheeled round—wait, I recalled the two furtive glances which Gustav had cast about as he had come up to the carriage with Karl, and the expression of satisfaction after the second of them.

This was Gustav's work, then. And why had he done it? Why had he brought Colonel Katona, of all men in Pesth, to see Karl run away with Madame d'Artelle? Had any other man been picked out, I would have said it was merely that there might be an independent witness. But Colonel Katona—and then the reason seemed to flash into my thoughts, suggesting a scheme subtle and treacherous enough to be worthy of even the worst thoughts I had ever had of Count Gustav.

I thought rapidly how I could put this new idea of mine to the test, and how use it for my own purposes. But before I could decide I heard hesitating steps in the corridor outside my room. Some one knocked gently at the doors of other rooms and then at mine.

"Are you there, miss?"

It was James Perry's voice. "Yes," I answered, and closing the window and drawing down the blind I opened the door.

"The gentleman is asking for Madame d'Artelle, miss," he said. "What answer am I to give him?"

"I will take it myself," I replied. I switched on the light, and made sure that my hair was all right. "What about the servants, James?" I asked.

"There are two woman servants only, miss; and my father and myself. We did as you said, and sent away a footman who was here."

"You have done very well. If you are asked any more questions about Madame d'Artelle say that she left the house the moment after the carriage arrived, and that I have been here some hours."

"Yes, miss." He was very perplexed and, I think, troubled. We went downstairs, and he showed me the room where Karl was. It was directly under that in which I had been.

It was to the window of that room, then, I had seen Colonel Katona cross in the moonlight.

CHAPTER XVI.

A WISP OF RIBBON.

Karl was sitting in an attitude of moody dejection; his elbow on the arm of the chair, and face resting on his hand; and he turned slowly as I opened the door. The look of gloomy indifference vanished, and he rose quickly with a glance of intense surprise.

"Chris—Miss Gilmore," he exclaimed.

"You asked for Madame d'Artelle. I have come to say she has left the house," I said in a quite steady tone.

"But you—how do you come to be here? I don't understand."

"I thought you knew I was Madame d'Artelle's companion."

"But they told me you had gone away—to Paris."

"I did start, but I came back."

"I have been twice to-day to her house to ask for you. I was very nearly rushing off to Paris after you. I'm glad I didn't." He said this quite simply, and then his face clouded. "But if I understand all this, may I—may I take to opium again?" His eyes cleared, and he smiled as he spoke the last words.

"I hope you will never do that," I replied.

"No, I shan't—now. Do you remember what I said to you in the gardens yesterday? Yesterday—why it seems 20 years ago."

"You mean that you would hate me if I stopped you taking it?"

"Yes, that's it. I have hated you, too, I can tell you. I couldn't help it—but I haven't taken any since. It's cost something to keep from it; but I've done it. And I shall be all right—now. I nearly gave in, though, when I heard you'd left the city."

"I knew that you had the strength to resist when I spoke to you yesterday," and I looked at him steadily. He returned the look for a moment.

"It's wonderful," he murmured. "Positively wonderful." Then in a louder tone: "I think you must have hypnotised me."

"Oh, no. I only appealed to your stronger nature—your former self. You have the strength to resist, but you let it rust."

"I wonder if you like to know why?"

"No thank you," I cried hurriedly.

My haste seemed to amuse him. "Well, I don't suppose it matters. Then you're not going to Paris?"

"Not yet—at any rate."

"Then I shall see you sometimes. I must if I'm to keep from it, you know."

"Yes, if possible and necessary."

"It is necessary, and I'll make it possible. You don't know the responsibility you've taken on yourself so lightly."

"Perhaps I have not taken it lightly, but intentionally."

"You can't be here intentionally," he said, with a start. "You can't, because—do you mean that you know what I'm supposed to have come here for?" Half incredulous this.

"Yes, quite well."

"That they want to drive me to marry Hen—Madame d'Artelle? And that my brother will be here with a priest in half an hour or so?"

"I did not know your brother was coming." and the news gave me a twinge of uneasiness. "But my object was to prevent the marriage taking place."

"Why?" he asked, somewhat eagerly.

"Her husband is still living."

"I mean, why did you wish to prevent it?"

"I will tell you that presently."

"Tell me now."

"No."

"Yes—I insist."

"That is no use with me."

"Isn't it? We'll see. You know what I carry here," and he slid his fingers into the pocket from which I had before seen him take the opium pills. "I shall take it if you don't tell me."

"You must do as you please. But you have none with you."

"How do you know?"

"You told Madame d'Artelle so, in the carriage."

He laughed and took out a little phial half full of them, and held it up. "She is stupid. Do you think I shall regard it as more than half a victory if I didn't carry this with me? Will you drive me back to it now?"

He took out one of the pills, held it up, and gazed at it with eyes almost haggard with greedy longing.

"This is childish," I said.

"No, it's a question of your will or mine. Will you tell me or shall I take this? One or the other. You can undo your own work. I can scarcely bear the sight of it."

"I accept the challenge," I answered, after a second's pause. "It is your will or mine. Rather than see you take that I will tell you——"

"I knew you would," he broke in, triumphantly.

"But if I do, I declare to you on my honour that the instant I have told you I will leave the room and the house, and never see you again."

The look of triumph melted away slowly. "I don't want victory on those terms. You've beaten me. Look here." He opened the long French window, flung the pill out into the night, and then emptied the phial. "Rather than—than what you said," and he looked round and sighed.

"Thank you," I said.

In the pause the sound of horses' hoofs on the hard road, reached us through the open window.

"Here comes Gustav and the priest, I expect."

I bit my lip. "I don't want him to see me," I said, hurriedly.

"What does it matter?"

"Everything."

He closed the window. "What will you do?"

"I will lock myself in one of the rooms upstairs and tell my servants to say Madame d'Artelle is too ill to see him."

"Your servant?"

"Don't stop to ask questions. I can explain all presently. Do as I wish—please. He thinks you are—are drugged——"

"Not drugged—drunk; but how do you know that?"

"Madame d'Artelle thought so at first." The horses were now so near that I could hear them through the closed window. "You can still pretend. Lie on the sofa there. For Heaven's sake be quick. There are but two or three minutes at most now."

"Oh, I'll get rid of them."

I took this for assent, and hurried out of the room as the carriage stopped at the door. Calling James Perry I told him what to do and ran up again to the room where I had been before.

I would not have a light but sat at first on the edge of the bed, wondering what would happen, whether I should be discovered, how long Count Gustav would stay, and how Karl would do as he had said.

The house was badly built, and I could hear the murmur of voices in the room below. I slipped to the floor, and lay with my ear to the ground in my anxiety to learn what went on. I could hear nothing distinctly, however. The murmurs were louder, but I could not make out the words.

Then I remembered about Colonel Katona, and crossing to the window pulled the blind aside and looked out wondering whether the was still near the house.

The moonlight was brighter, but the shadows of the trees thicker and darker; and for a long time I could distinguish nothing. The carriage remained at the door; the jingling of the harness, the occasional pawing of the impatient horses, and the checking word of the coachman told me this.

If the Colonel was still there, the presence of the carriage no doubt made him keep concealed.

Presently other sounds reached me. Some one unfastened the windows of the room below and flung them wide open. A man went out and I heard his feet grate on the gravel.

"It's no use. He's dead drunk. We may as well——"

It was Gustav's voice, and the rest of the words were lost to me, for I shrank back nervously.

Then an instinctive impulse caused me to lay my ear on the ground and listen for the window to be shut. I heard it closed; but there was no sound of the bolt being shot.

Dark as it was and alone though I was in the room, I know that I turned deathly white at the possible reason for this which flashed upon me in that moment, and when I passed my hand across my forehead the beads of perspiration stood thick upon it. I felt sick and dazed with the horror that was born of that thought; and my limbs were heavy as I dragged them back across the room to the bed and sat there, listening intently for the sounds of Count Gustav's departure, and ready to rush downstairs the instant he had gone.

There was no longer any need for me to stare vaguely out into the garden. I knew now that the watcher was there, and why he was there. I had guessed the secret of that noisily opened window, of the loudly spoken words, and the closed but unbolted casement.

(To be continued.)

THE EXPLORERS' TREE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. Norman Selfe appears to question my statement that the name River Lett was evolved from the word "rivulet," which was originally applied to the stream. Had I known that it was likely my notes to the Minister would be published I would have given my reasons for the statement, at length. Perhaps it is not too late to do so now.

Blaxland and his party (and here it may be appropriate to emphasise the fact that Blaxland was the leader) after descending Mount York, camped on the night of May 29, 1813, on the bank of what both Blaxland and Lawson described in their diaries as "a fine stream of water." The following day (Sunday) they did not shift camp. No name was given to the stream. In fact, they seem to have been very chary of giving names to any of the features of the country through which they passed.

Lawson mentions that on the morning of May 31 they "crossed two fine streams of water, one of them running from the west, the other from the north-east. There can be no doubt that these two streams run into the western river." The former river running from the west was evidently the Cox—the latter coming from the north-east was the Lett. The "western river" was, of course, the Warragamba.

On November 24, 1813, G. W. Evans (who had been sent by Governor Macquarie to report, officially, on Blaxland's route) camped at the same spot. The entry in his diary is as follows:—"At 1 o'clock I stopped on the bank of a riverlett (sic), which is a rapid stream from the north-east, its course springing from the very high mountains." Evans's diary shows that his spelling was a bit shaky. He evidently intended to write "a rivulet." It is noteworthy that in the case of every river discovered and named by him, he placed the word "river" last, e.g., "Fish River," "Campbell River," and "Macquarie River"; had he given the name of "Lett" to the stream, it is only reasonable to conclude that he would have called it "Lett River."

Further evidence is, however, available; Governor Macquarie, in 1815, accompanied by Secretary Campbell, Captain Antill, Lieutenant Watts, Surgeon Redfern (whence comes the name of the suburb), Surveyors Evans and Meehan, and William Cox, journeyed in much state over the road from Sydney to the small settlement located where Bathurst now stands. On June 10, 1815, Macquarie published, in general orders, an account of his tour. He thus refers, therein, to the stream now known as the River Lett: "A rivulet of fine water runs along it" (the Vale of Clwydd) "from the eastward, which unites itself at the western extremity of the vale with another rivulet containing still more water. The juncture of these two streams forms a very handsome river now called by the Governor Cox's River, which takes its course, as has been since ascertained, through the Prince Regent's Glen and empties itself into the River Nepean."

There seems to be no reasonable doubt that the stream was originally known as "the rivulet." Evans (whose strong point was not his orthography) refers to it frequently as "the Riverlett" (spelt as one word), but he also refers to the Fish River as "a large riverlett," and to the Cox as "the riverlett."

Of course, it may be, as Mr. Selfe says in his letter, that old residents of Little Hartley 50 years ago, believed that a "special significance" was attached to the name of "Lett"; that, however, does not amount to very much, unless supported by actual evidence. We all know that for many years a "special" and quite erroneous significance was attached to the name of Port Jackson.

In regard to the marked tree near Katoomba, Mr. Norman Selfe is evidently not very clear in the matter of recollecting what initials he saw on the tree between 30 and 40 years ago. About 15 years ago the Rev. F. B. Boyce alluded to the matter in the correspondence columns of the "Herald"; he stated that the tree bore "the mark of the letter L cut deeply in the bark." Surely there must have been, even then, some trace of other initials had they existed. Mr. J. G. Hay (to whom Mr. Norman Selfe refers) commented in your columns in August, 1888, on Mr. Boyce's letter, but made no reference to more than one initial being cut in the bark of the tree. G. W. Evans, who followed Blaxland's blazed track, could hardly have missed seeing the tree had the three letters been cut in it; and we would expect him to have made some reference to it in his journal, but he does not. There is another point—the practice of explorers was not to put the surname initial of each member of the expedition on trees or land marks—they would have known that the simple letters of W.B.L. (quoted by Mr. Selfe) would be misleading or bewildering; in any case, the order would certainly have been B.W.L., or more likely B.L.W., for Wentworth was the youngest and (then) least prominent of the three. Mr. Selfe's letter may, however, lead to some corroborative or authentic information from old residents.

Mr. Targett's statement in regard to the Vale of Clwydd is quite correct. The following is an extract from the account (dated June 10, 1815) of Governor Macquarie's excursion through this country:—"The valley at the base of Mount York he called the Vale of Clwydd in consequence of the strong resemblance it bore to the vale of that name in North Wales. . . . The Vale of Clwydd from the base of Mount York extends six miles in a westerly direction, and has its termination at Cox's River. . . . Three miles westward of the Vale of Clwydd Messrs. Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson had formerly terminated their excursion."

This should satisfy even Mr. Farnell that the marked tree near Katoomba does not, as it purports, mark "the furthest distance reached" by Blaxland and his companions. It is a gross historical blunder, and should not be perpetuated. As already pointed out by me, Mount Blaxland, near Bowenfels, was the spot where they turned back. The following entry in Evans's journal explains the origin of the name, Mount Blaxland—"Friday, November 26, 1813.—I stopped at the foot of a very handsome mount—which I take the liberty of calling Mount Blaxland; also two peaks rather north of it, and which the riverlett (sic) separates—Wentworth's and Lawson's sugar loaves . . . This is the termination of the excursion of the above-named gentlemen." The "riverlett" which Evans here refers to is the Cox.

I am, etc.,
F. M. BLADEN.
Aug. 30.

WHY GO HUNGRY?

If your stomach is weak, and you are suffering from indigestion, don't sacrifice your health and comfort. Eat all the wholesome food you want. Then take one of Dr. Sheldon's Digestive Tabules after each meal. They digest your food, and thus nourish and build you up, while the stomach is recovering its natural tone. For sale everywhere.—Advt.

POLICE AND PETTY SESSIONS.

WHAT THEY MEAN.

It has been said that the most marvellous thing in England is the London policeman. His tact, his control of traffic in congested streets, his good temper, and his coolness, are the subject of laudatory remarks from every visitor to England. Without him, the business of London would practically come to a standstill. He is the oil that causes the whole work of the metropolis to run smoothly.

Has it ever occurred to anyone that the Australian policeman, or, at any rate, the policeman of New South Wales, is a much more marvellous production? Has it ever been considered that our progressive legislation is rendered effective, is, in fact, only possible, by reason of the existence of our police force? Remove the policeman from the social scheme, or relegate him simply to the duties that usually appertain to the office of constable, and much of the progressive legislation of this young country would become inoperative by reason of the enormous expense of providing suitable machinery. Consider the duties of a State policeman. The regular election of the representatives who pass progressive legislation is due to him. He collects the rolls. When they become overburdened with absentees and duplication of names, it is to the policeman we turn in order to purify them. When thousands of electors' rights lie in electoral offices unclaimed, they are handed to the policeman for delivery. Our jury lists are collected by the police. Our statistics are based to a large extent on his labours. The annual collection of the stock and crop returns is entrusted to him. He is responsible for the administration of the Health Act outside of municipal boundaries. He acts as clerk of petty sessions, bailiff, warden's clerk, and curator's agent in minor districts, and it is astonishing the amount of clerical work the State gets from him, for a merely nominal salary. To the supervising care of the policeman to a very large extent are entrusted the children who are boarded out throughout the State. In many districts he is deputy Inspector of Fisheries. He prosecutes in cases of truancy under the Public Instruction Act. The provisions of the Early Closing Act are enforced by him. He investigates and reports on applications for old age pensions. He inspects dairies and registers them each year. In the performance of all these duties, in addition to the work usually associated with the office of a constable, he displays intelligence and industry that are in the highest degree commendable.

A District Court Judge a short time ago was horrified to find that even in England the word policeman was being substituted for the word constable. The learned Judge is evidently not a close observer of passing events, and has not considered the evolution of the constable in New South Wales. The constable is no longer a mere officer of the peace, executing the warrants of Judges and magistrates, but he has become the most important factor in the administration of all progressive legislation; he forms the machinery that guarantees its effectiveness. The constable of 50 years ago is to-day essentially a policeman, a title much more comprehensive and one that is far more in accord with the nature of his duties than the title of constable.

Turn to the so-called Petty Sessions Department. The average citizen associates the Petty Sessions Department with Court business, and that alone. As a matter of fact, it should be called the department "for the administration of internal affairs." A country clerk of petty sessions, as a rule, besides being entrusted with onerous petty sessions duties, holds a number of other offices and performs innumerable duties that in other countries, and even in other States, are performed by local bodies, and which have not the remotest connection with the ordinary work of petty sessions.

A clerk of petty sessions is, as a rule, also Crown lands agent, and as such he requires a practical knowledge of our land laws. He is curator's agent, and collects the effects in the estates of persons who die intestate. He is local registrar for probate, and obtains for the public, at a cost that is merely nominal, probate of wills and letters of administration in estates up to £300. He is registrar of the District Court, and deputy clerk of the peace in Quarter Sessions. He is registrar of births, deaths, and marriages, and as such is authorised to celebrate marriages. He is electoral registrar. He is warden's clerk and mining registrar. He administers locally many of the provisions of the Children's Protection Act. He is deputy registrar for the Old Age Pension Board. In fact, there is scarcely a progressive Act of Parliament that does not immediately mean additional work for the country clerk of petty sessions. The latest proposal is that he should pay all old age pensions, and thus save the country £13,000 now paid to the banks for performing this duty. No doubt the principle is a sound one, but if the expenditure of the Petty Sessions Department is increased by £1000 in saving £13,000, there will probably be a great public outcry on the score of expense.

The importance of the Police and Petty Sessions Department in giving effect in the most economic way to progressive legislation is not sufficiently appreciated. There is no omnipotence in an Act of Parliament, even in a progressive Act. "Let there be light, and there was light" is the sort of thing some people imagine occurs when a progressive Act of Parliament is passed. For example, legislation is passed which practically says, "Let all deserving poor people over the age of 65 years receive a pension, and let half a million of money be disbursed for that object yearly," and forsooth, there are people who imagine that the disbursement and administration of that fund can be effected almost automatically. But for careful administration the country would be swamped by people who would plunder the fund to the serious disadvantage of the deserving and really poor pensioner. So it is with all legislation of a socialistic character. Social legislation and an increasing Civil Service must ever go together; the one is the price of the other. However opinions may differ as to the advisability of such legislation, there is no doubt that the so-called Petty Sessions Department with the assistance of the police gives practical effect to it. In doing so duties are performed that are something quite different to what is usually considered to be police and petty sessions duty. It is upon these two sections of the service that the execution of the greater part of the work resulting from legislation falls. To anyone who seriously considers the position of New South Wales it will be apparent that the Police and Petty Sessions Departments are the most important in the State, and that upon the integrity, ability, and efficiency of the officers of those departments depends to a large extent the success or otherwise of all progressive legislation.

PETER PICKLE.

"COMMERCE" BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—With respect to the effect of the words "incorporated and read as one with," appearing in the Tariff Act, 1902, and the proposed "Commerce" Bill, on which I based my remarks in a letter you were good enough to publish in your Saturday's issue, I desire to point out that the phrase has never appeared in any Australian Act prior to federation, and as far as I can ascertain in any Act in the British Empire; consequently I feel certain the point I have raised has not yet been decided.

That it means what I contend I have but little doubt, and that its inclusion is designed there can equally be little doubt, judging from the known ideas of Dr. Wollaston, who has the credit of being the draughtsman of the various measures in connection with the Federal Customs. In support of this view let me quote that gentleman (vide preface to his book on the Customs Act, 1901). Speaking of the draughting of an Act, he says,—"Though no doubt the use of many words may obscure the meaning, yet, on the other hand, an exceedingly concise mode of expression requires, in many instances, the application of a trained intellect in order to give its proper interpretation to a section where every word is of importance, and has been inserted for good reason. Without due precaution, the full effect intended to be conveyed may be missed on perusal."

The public will, I am sure, be glad if Dr. Wollaston would explain the meaning of the phrase, which, I think, is one of those which he so lucidly describes in the above quotation as "having been inserted for good reason," and of which "without due precaution the full effect intended to be conveyed may be missed on perusal."

I am, etc,
HENRY CHAS. MITCHELL.
Royal Exchange, Aug. 28.

Though triflers sing of wattle bloom,
And glorious waratah,
Of dainty ferns deep in the gloom
Of Australia's forests far;
From wiser folk we'll take a hint,
And by glowing verse ensure
The pride of place for peppermint,
And Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

The "Mail" contains good illustrations of the two chief scenes in "The Walls of Jericho," with the latest portrait of Mr. Robert Brough.—Advt.

The "Mail" contains a full page group photograph of the Delegates to the Country Storekeepers' Annual Convention.—Advt.

TOWN CLOCK AT PADDINGTON.

For some time past the residents of Paddington have felt the want of a clock in the tower of the Town Hall. A suggestion was made that a clock should be placed in position to commemorate the coronation, and this was taken up by the council. The ratepayers were appealed to for funds, with the result that an amount almost covering the cost was subscribed. A handsome clock was purchased and placed in position, and yesterday the Premier (Mr. J. H. Carruthers), at the request of the council, officially set it in motion, in the presence of a large gathering of residents. At the conclusion of the ceremony the company was entertained by the Mayor (Alderman Denis Bown), when a number of speeches were delivered. In responding to the toast of his health, the Premier congratulated the residents of Paddington on possessing such a handsome clock. Hereafter, he hoped that every municipality would do as Paddington had done, and not depend on the Government for such things. The clock, as they all knew, had been placed in position to commemorate the coronation, and he thought that the day on which peace had been declared between Russia and Japan was a fitting time at which to set it in motion. He hoped there would be peace and goodwill on earth as long as the clock continued to go. Mr. Carruthers referred to the benefits that the various municipal councils would receive if the Local Government Bill became law.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The annual spring fete in connection with the Women's Christian Temperance Union was opened yesterday afternoon in the Methodist Hall, Newtown. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Hugh Ross in the presence of a large gathering. The president, Mrs. S. S. Nolan, who presided, explained the object of the fete, which was to secure funds for the carrying on of aggressive work in connection with the platform of the union. Mrs. Ross having declared the fete open was presented with a handsome bouquet from the ladies' committee. A musical programme was gone through. The hall was decorated, and the stalls presented a very attractive appearance.

STRENGTH OF ANARCHISTS.

An article on the above subject appears in a Swiss journal from the pen of Dr. H. Kessel. In attempting to draw up some statistics of the movement, Dr. Kessel writes that there are anarchists all the world over, but that they thrive most in Southern countries. In Spain their number is legion, and the chief leaders there are Bonafulda and Therese Claramunt. The Spanish trade unions are nearly all anarchists; the federation of masons has 68,000 members. There is no other country in which anarchy has become as powerful as it is in Spain, though not much concerning the movement is ever published. A large number of Spanish anarchists live in Brazil and Argentina. In the United States of America, again, a considerable number find a home. John Most and Emma Goldmann are the leaders in that country. On the Continent, Italy, France, the Netherlands, and Switzerland are important anarchist centres. Austria is the country probably least affected. The papers published in that country by anarchists died very soon either on account of insufficient support or because of the strictness of the laws concerning publications. In Germany the number of those flirting with anarchist ideas amounts, we are told, to some 3000, and only half of these own openly to a preference for the anarchist programme. Of these 1500 about 800 live in Berlin; the rest are divided between Leipzig, Munich, Magdeburg, Elberfeld, Gorlitz, Stuttgart, and several Rhenish towns. But it is a mistake to imagine that all the members of this party make propaganda for the movement. The number of those who have anarchy at heart, and are willing to sacrifice themselves for it, runs up, according to the authority quoted, to only about 300, and all the papers, pamphlets, meetings, and attempted revolutions are due to this small band. It is they who will make any sacrifice till one day they discover that they are pursuing a phantom.

FISHING CLOSURE IN INLAND WATERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I do not suppose that there is a gentleman in the State who has given a more earnest and intelligent attention to the inland fisheries than your correspondent, Mr. John Gale, and it is refreshing to hear expressions of approval in regard to the administration of our fisheries coming from such sources as Mr. Gale and the Anglers' Associations. It is perfectly true that until the advent of the existing board nothing was done to protect and preserve the fisheries of our inland rivers and lakes. The result so far has impressed us with the necessity for taking stringent measures to ensure respect for the regulations, and thus secure the development of what should prove a profitable asset to the State. Much time has been spent in eliciting the most reliable information in respect to the life history and habits of the cod and other species, but as this is a subject that must take years of study and observation before definiteness is reached, the board can be excused in acting cautiously.

Personally, I have devoted a good deal of time to obtaining information in respect to the spawning period of the cod, and if we are to believe most of those who are experienced fishermen, and with whom I came in contact on the different rivers, the cod spawns during most months of the year, so that to carry out logically what Mr. Gale urges would mean proclaiming a close season for perhaps eight months of the year. I do not think that drastic action would meet with favourable acceptance. As it is, we have made an absolute closure for two months (October and November). This is the most prolific period of spawning, and entails no hardship upon either professional or amateur fishermen. This is thought to be sufficient, more particularly as there are hundreds of miles of water that are practically closed on account of inaccessibility, and the absence of fishing of any sort from one year's end to another. There is certainly a way in which protection could be accomplished in places where the spawning is earlier or later than October and November, that is, by making sectional closures, and it may be advisable to do this later on, but as the late conference in Victoria decided upon the course we have adopted, I propose that we adhere to that, and when thought advisable apply the sectional closure to the Upper Murrumbidgee and similarly situated streams. It is very difficult to arrive at an understanding that will please everyone; the board, therefore, aims at doing its utmost to be fair and reasonable, and at the same time protect the public interests. The trout closure referred to by Mr. Gale was fixed owing to the representations that were made that fish caught in the month of October were full of spawn ready for exclusion, and I am satisfied we did right, for our original closure only established the period—April 1 to September 30. I may point out that the inconsistency in the trout fishing regulation alleged by Mr. Gale does not exist, as the same only applies to waters open to fishing.

I regret that the general closure will preclude (legally) fishing for trout in the waters for a month in excess of the trout closure, but this is inseparable from the earnest desire of the board to do its best in the public interests.

I am, etc.,
FRANK FARNELL.
Aug. 30.

SPRING CLEANING.

AN ARTICLE FOR WOMEN READERS.

The Spring cleaning of the house is important, but the Spring cleaning of the system is more so. How is it that when Spring approaches you find yourself feeling weary after a little exertion, incapable of rousing yourself to continued effort, with frequent headache, bilious feelings, eruptions, pimples, and other traces of blood-impurities, and now and again perhaps a touch of indigestion? It is because your body needs its Spring cleaning. Just as the Spring sunshine creeping into your home shows the need of Spring cleaning, so Spring temperature and conditions affect your body, which has become more or less run down during the Winter. For the Spring cleaning of the body there is nothing to equal Bile Beans. They remove all the symptoms mentioned above, as witness the case of Mrs. E. J. Ramus, of 1 Arundel-street, Forest Lodge, Sydney. This lady says:—"Your Bile Beans have proved a valuable remedy in my household. I am sometimes troubled with debility, and when I feel 'done up,' with a tired, listless feeling, I take a Bean or two with beneficial results. As a gentle purgative they are all that can be desired, and leave no evil after-affects whatever. I can safely say Bile Beans are unequalled for poor appetite, sleeplessness, and that out-of-sorts feeling so prevalent at the present season." Not only are Bile Beans more valuable as a Spring medicine than any other obtainable, but they are also more economic. In the case of most of the old-fashioned remedies, three, four, or even six, must be taken at a time. With Bile Beans one Bean is one dose. Chemists and medicine vendors everywhere stock Bile Beans, but in purchasing beware of substitutes.—Advt.

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LANDS COMMISSION.

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THE SAFE PAPERS SCRUTINISED.

Mr. Justice Owen, the Royal Commissioner inquiring into the general administration of the Lands Department, resumed sitting at the Lands Department yesterday.

Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by Mr. J. W. H. Houston, Crown Solicitor's Office, appeared for the Crown; Mr. H. Richardson Clark, solicitor, watched the proceedings on behalf of Mr. W. N. Willis. Mr. Howard Speight, secretary of the Coonamble Farmers and Settlers' Association, was present on behalf of that association, Mr. W. P. Crick, M.L.A., was also present.

JOHN NICHOLLS RECALLED.

John Nicholls, recalled, stated that he believed now the transfer of the Mungery improvement lease from him to Mr. Strahorn, dated February 17, 1905, was not filled in when he signed it. He had said on the previous day that "he was not sure" on this point. After giving evidence, however, he called on Mr. Cathie, and asked him if the document he signed was filled in, and he replied "No."

Mr. Davies: Where is Mr. Cathie?

Witness: He is in business for himself in Sydney now.

MORE ABOUT BATHURST LEASES.

Mr. Davies produced departmental papers in reference to the series of Bathurst-Orange annual leases, converted into improvement leases, some of which were previously before the Commission. He said these applications (10 altogether) were dealt with by the local land board on November 18 and 19, 1903. He had previously referred to the despatch with which these applications were dealt with by the department. He now intended putting in the papers, which would show that these applications were dealt with as a batch. What was significant in regard to them, also, was that in each case the agent employed seemed to have been Mr. W. N. Willis or Mr. Willis acting through somebody else. The applications were made in August or July, 1903, and they were all completed by the end of the year. Mr. MacFarlane on September 14, 1903, asked the district surveyor to report on the applications. On September 29, Mr. MacFarlane telegraphed to say that the applicants had consented to the cancellation of their annual leases. Mr. Crick approved of this.

A "RUSH" TELEGRAM.

Many telegrams were read from Mr. MacFarlane to the outside officers of the department, and to the chairman of the Orange Land Board, respecting these cases, he desiring expedition, with a view of having the leases granted that year. One telegram dated October 6, 1903—a rush wire—read as follows:—

From Sydney, addressed to Chairman, Lands, Orange.—Annual leases having been gazetted for non-renewal, most important board should hear improvement lease cases, so that whole matter shall be completed this year one way or other. Urge district surveyor to press action. Issue Corlis and Sutherland's cases to him. Reply what arrangements can be made for hearing.—Edward Macfarlane.

THE ADVANTAGE OF EXPEDITION.

The cancellation of the annual leases was gazetted on September 30, 1903, and the improvement leases were completed on December 30 of that year. "Your Honor will see," said Mr. Davies, "that Mr. MacFarlane's desire to have these leases granted before the end of 1903 was given effect to."

His Honor: What was the advantage?

Mr. Davies: There was this advantage, that the lessees could get reappraisement under section 9 of the Reappraisement Act, which came into operation in January, 1904.

Were they reappraised?—I do not think they were. I believe Mr. Ashton refused some applications for reappraisement.

Mr. Davies added that these matters were put in the "Government Gazette" on a day when it was not usual to publish land matters.

THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER EXAMINED.

William A. Gullick, Government Printer, stated that he occupied that position in 1903. He produced the "Government Gazette" dated Monday, November 30, 1903, in which the leases were gazetted, and stated that it was not usual to publish land matters of this kind on a Monday. This publication was made, however, by an executive minute instructing him to do so. He believed he was waited upon by Mr. Chambers of the Lands Department. The usual days for the publication of land matters were Wednesdays and Saturdays. Witness had pointed out that there would be a regular "Gazette" on the Tuesday, and that the department should avail itself of that issue. Mr. Chambers replied that the department desired to have a special issue of the "Gazette" on the Monday.

MINUTE AUTHORISING PUBLICATION.

"Many things of an unusual kind were done at about that time, and that was why I," added the witness, "stood out for an executive minute authorising me to make the special publication."

This authority was produced and read by Mr. Davies. The minute was signed by "T. Waddell," and read as follows:—

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, Nov. 24, 1903. The Colonial Treasurer recommends that authority be given for the issue on Monday, Nov. 30, 1903, of a Gazette containing Lands Department notifications.

This document was minuted—"Approved by the Executive Council," and signed by A. C. Budge, Clerk to the Council.

Witness explained that the preparation of the "Gazette" took from the afternoon of Monday until about midnight. He mentioned how many were employed in connection with the publication. The Lands Department officers who had waited upon him included also Mr. Bronsden and Mr. Kippax. Mr. Dwyer corrected some proofs, and Mr. Chambers corrected others. These officers were on the spot most of the time at the Government Printing Office. He understood Mr. MacFarlane was there at one time, but he did not see him.

SEARCH FOR AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTE.

A. C. Budge, clerk to the Executive Council of this State, said he had heard the evidence of the previous witness, relating to the issue of a special "Government Gazette" on November 30, 1903, purporting to contain certain improvement leases. He produced the minute book of the Executive Council, but could not find executive approval for blocks Nos. 531 to 535, or the office numbers relating thereto—the improvement leases in the Bathurst district mentioned in the special "Government Gazette."

Mr. Davies said that section 4 of the Act of 1895 required the Governor's approval to the conditions of an improvement lease.

Mr. Houston pointed out that there could not be a record, as the conditions were not prepared until November 30, and were approved by the Minister on the same date.

His Honor (to witness): If the conditions were not approved by the Minister until November 30, they could not have been dealt with by the Executive Council before that?—No.

Was the approval of the Governor obtained at a subsequent special meeting of the Executive?—I do not think so. Each lease contains its own conditions.

RUSHING THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

R. F. Chambers, clerk in charge of the occupation branch, said that on November 23, 1903, Mr. MacFarlane instructed him to see the Government Printer, and arrange for the issue of a special "Gazette" on Monday, November 30, 1903. The Government Printer would not do so without executive authority. This was obtained.

Were all these conditions for improvement leases (applications having been made through Mr. Willis) in the Bathurst district, numbered 531 to 535, approved by the Minister on November 30, 1903?—Speaking from memory, Yes.

They appeared in a special "Gazette" dated that day?—Yes.

Had you much trouble to get them in a "Gazette" of that date?—We worked very hard to get them out. The time-book shows we commenced work on Monday, November 30, 1903, at 9 a.m., and worked on till midnight or later, before we got away.

His Honor: When was the "Gazette" issued? Was it issued by Monday then?—It was a special "Gazette," issued for the Monday.

A MIDNIGHT ISSUE.

Mr. Davies: When did you get away from the printing office after finishing revising the proofs?—Some of the officers left at midnight, and others at 12.35 a.m.

How many officers of the Lands Department were at the Government Printing Office?—Probably six or more.

Was Mr. MacFarlane there?—Yes, and seven other officers besides myself. Mr. O'Malley Wood was there later.

Were there any officers from any other department besides your own?—I have been told there were three or four draftsmen from the occupation charting branch, who were kept to supply any information in connection with the plans and conditions.

Was the revising done in the department, or at the Government Printing Office?—Both here and there.

When was the final revision done?—I left at 12.35 a.m.

When the final revision was made at 12.30 a.m. It would be impossible for the "Gazette" to have been issued on November 30?—I cannot say, but right up to midnight we had proofs in our hands.

SECURING THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.

William Henry Capper, chief clerk and inspector in the Lands Department, stated that towards the end of 1903 he proceeded to the Governor with some improvement leases for approval. He got the signature of his Excellency and returned to his office. He remembered the names of Scott and Nicholls. His Excellency was at Moss Vale, and witness was instructed to go there by the Under-Secretary. This was on December 31, 1903.

Mr. Davies put in a "Gazette" notice dated January 6, 1904, in which it was notified that approval had been given by the Governor on December 31, 1903, to leases in the names of W. J. and C. J. Gallagher (two leases), the Illiwa Company, Hugh Strahorn, Thomas Ryan Scott, John Nicholls, Michael O'Connor, John Reinhardt, and Kater Bros.

Witness stated that the leases were not executed on December 31, because he arrived too late.

His Honor: What time did the Governor sign them?

Witness: 10 o'clock on the 1st January, 1904. The leases date from the date of execution.

H. L. CATHIE EXAMINED.

Henry Loraine Cathie, stock and station and land agent, said he was a partner of Mr. W. N. Willis since March 31, 1904, up till the 12th inst. He knew John Nicholls. He remembered witnessing him sign a document. The document was not then filled in. It was afterwards filled in as a transfer for the Mungery lease. He had witnessed the signatures of Michael O'Connor and Thomas Ryan Scott on documents which were also blank at the time. He did not know of any money having been received at the time. The men were brought to his room. He could not say what might have occurred in any other room.

Mr. Davies: The filling up was in your handwriting?

Witness: Yes; at a subsequent date.

Was it done at Mr. Willis's suggestion?—Either by Mr. Willis's instructions or by Mr. M'Nair's.

Was the document filled up when Mr. Strahorn signed?—I think not. The information came afterwards.

SEARCH FOR A RECORD.

R. F. Chambers, recalled, said he had looked through the departmental papers, and found that the Minister's approval of the conditions for the land in question in the Bathurst district (Stevenson, Bullock, Hawke, Webb, Treweeke, Thompson, Hall, Sutherland, Corlis, Gallagher, Richardson, and Anderson) being put up for improvement lease was given on November 30. He had searched the minute book of the Executive Council clerk, but could not find a record of either the block numbers or the departmental numbers.

Mr. Davies pointed out that according to the Executive minute book there was no Executive meeting between November 26 and December 1, 1903.

Edward Bryan, record clerk in the occupation branch, said that block numbers 531 to 535, appearing in the "Government Gazette" of November 30, 1903, were not in the list as supplied by him as having received Executive Council authority.

EXAMINING MRS. WILLIS'S PAPERS.

Mrs. Willis and Mr. M'Nair were then called, and Mr. F. Y. Wilson, Mrs. Willis's solicitor, occupied a seat at the table.

His Honor said: I have given you notice, Mrs. Willis and Mr. M'Nair, because I am going to open this box and have the papers which were removed from Mrs. Willis's box arranged in order. I am not putting them in evidence, but propose to go through them carefully. I shall now do so in your presence.

Mrs. Willis: Very well.

Mr. Houston then opened the box containing the papers, and his Honor proceeded to examine and arrange them in order.

The examination was conducted in open court. Mr. M'Nair stood close to his Honor, and was apparently acquainted with the nature of every document, as he voluntarily outlined the contents of each paper as it was removed from the box. His Honor had not concluded his inspection at the usual hour for adjournment, and said he would continue the examination of the papers on the following morning.

The Commission then rose until 10.30 next morning.

THE EMPIRE FLAG.

UNFURLING CEREMONY AT ERSKINEVILLE.

There was a large and representative gathering at the Erskineville Superior Public School yesterday afternoon to witness the ceremony of unfurling a Union Jack, which had been presented to the school by Mrs. D. J. Monk, of Woollahra. The gathering was arranged and carried out by members of the women's branch of the British Empire League. The proceedings took place in the school grounds, which were decorated for the occasion. The pupils, wearing their Empire Day medals, and armed with small flags, were drawn up in front of the school, and their parents and friends, to the number of several hundred, gathered around. Brigadier-General Gordon was received with honours by the cadets. The proceedings opened by the children singing "Advance Australia Fair," after which Mrs. Hugh Dixson, president of the league, formally presented the flag to the school, and requested General Gordon to receive the same. Mrs. Gordon, accompanied by the headmaster of the school (Mr. Herlihy), proceeded to the flagstaff, and amid much cheering and waving of small flags, she unfurled the Union Jack, which was saluted by the cadets and senior scholars.

The children sang the song, "Red, white and blue."

General Gordon, who was received with cheers, said that British soldiers rather than part with the colours of their regiment would die first. That flag was in the same position as the colours, and it was the duty of every Briton to die before allowing that flag to be insulted or taken away. Every nation had its flag, and the people of that nation valued their flag as much as we did ours, and it was this fact that made regiments so devoted in protecting the flag under which they lived and laboured. Now that the flag was unfurled in Erskineville school, it would be the duty of the children to learn to honour and respect that flag, for so long as it was flying from the mast the people would live in peace and happiness, and there would be commercial prosperity, freedom, and justice. Every time they saluted that flag they would remember that it represented the integrity of the nation. (Applause.)

Mr. G. H. Knibbs, Superintendent of Technical Education, also delivered an address.

The children sang "Rule Britannia."

The Mayor of the district (Alderman Robinson), supported by Messrs J. R. Dacey, M.L.A., and R. Hollis, M.L.A., moved a vote of thanks to the donor of the flag, and Mrs. Monk responded.

The visitors were afterwards entertained at afternoon tea.

THE USE OF HOBBIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Reading in the "Herald" of to-day, August 28, a letter under the heading of "The Use of Hobbies," I beg to endorse the writer's remarks, namely, that a man wants something to relieve the mind and rest the weary brain after his day's toil. I firmly believe that a man or woman should have a hobby. The latter acts as a sort of recreation for the mind. We all need a change occasionally, both mentally and physically, and unless we have something to occupy our thoughts outside the general routine of affairs, life loses its interest. Were the majority of people to cultivate a hobby for themselves there would be less time taken up in talking scandal. Therefore, when parents find that a boy or girl has some particular hobby, they would do well to encourage them. By so doing young people may be kept from spending their leisure time in the streets and inns, often making most undesirable acquaintances. I have no doubt that the reason why some people's minds become unbalanced is owing to the want of something to occupy their thoughts, and draw their attention away from uncongenial society or surroundings. A starved mind acts upon the physical organs, and is a hindrance to health. As a rule those who have a hobby, and whose mental faculties are active, appear younger than those who take little or no interest in anything beyond their everyday work. We cannot term gambling and tippling anything but vices, though unfortunately they take the place of hobbies, and entail a fearful amount of misery; but fishing, gardening, bee-keeping, poultry rearing, collecting curios, carving, modelling, all help to keep the mental forces in action. I am, etc, JOSEPHINE BAKER.

Croydon, Aug. 28.

DISFIGURED BY ECZEMA.

Wonderful Change in One Night. In a Month Face Was Clear as Ever.

REMARKABLE CURE BY CUTICURA.

"I had eczema on the face for five months, during which time I was in the care of physicians. My face was so disfigured I could not go out, and it was going from bad to worse. I had given up hope when a friend recommended Cuticura Remedies. The first night after I washed my face with Cuticura Soap, and used Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent, it changed wonderfully. From that day I was able to go out, and in a month the treatment had removed all scales and scabs, and my face was as clear as ever. (Signed) T. J. Soth, 317 Stagg-street, Brooklyn, N.Y."—Advt.

For Influenza and Colds in the Heads, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1s 6d.—Advt.

The training operations for the Spring Meeting at Randwick are dealt with in an interesting article with two pages of pictures in the "Mail."—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

RECORD WITHDRAWN.

Hill v Murphy.

Mr. Mason, who appeared for the plaintiff in the above case, stated that the record had been withdrawn.

A TRANSACTION IN SHARES.

AN INVALID POWER OF ATTORNEY.

McBride v Thompson and another.

Mr. J. L. Campbell and Mr. Watt, instructed by Messrs Hughes and Hughes, appeared for the plaintiff; and Dr. Cullen, K.C., and Mr. Mann, instructed by Mr. Joseph Thompson, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Bernard McBride against Thomas James Thompson and Harold Clarke Thompson, carrying on business as T. J. Thompson and Co., to recover compensation for loss sustained by him owing, as he alleged, to the failure of the defendants to carry out a contract for the sale and transfer to him of 10 shares in the "Daily Telegraph" Newspaper Company.

Mr. Campbell, in opening the case to the jury, said that the action was against a firm of brokers carrying on business in Sydney. At the time of the transaction Mr. McBride was already a shareholder in the "Daily Telegraph" Newspaper Company, and in 1900 he was asked by the defendants whether he could do with additional shares, and that they could let him have 10 shares at £40 per share. Mr. McBride agreed to purchase, and on October 30, 1900, he received from the defendants a sale note for £401, being the price agreed upon for the shares, and £1 for the stamps, and signed, "T. J. Thompson, brokers." Plaintiff, in his declaration, had presented his cause of action in three different forms, but in point of fact the claim might be regarded as being embraced in the first count, in which he complained that defendants entered into a contract to sell and deliver these shares to him, that they received the money for them, but failed to deliver them under circumstances which he would state presently. The defendants had simply denied the contract, and it would be for the jury to say whether the contract as alleged in the first count of the declaration was made out. It might be that defendants were relying on the defence that they were acting merely as agents of someone else, but he submitted to his Honor as a matter of law that such a defence was not open to them. Mr. M'Bride paid for the shares. Some three weeks after the sale, he called at the defendant's office at their request and signed the transfer note. A week or two later he received from defendants signed scrip for the 10 shares, which he accepted in complete satisfaction of the contract. It subsequently transpired that the shares had originally belonged to John M'Laughlin, a solicitor of the Court, and that they had been sold by Mrs. M'Laughlin under a power of attorney, signed by her husband. Plaintiff did not know who the transferor of the shares was, and sometime in 1904 Mr. M'Laughlin, finding that the shares had been dealt with under the power of attorney, called upon the "Daily Telegraph" to restore the shares to the register in his name. A suit in regard to the ownership of the shares was heard in the Equity Court, and the point involved subsequently went to the High Court, which held that Mr. M'Laughlin having been insane at the time the power of attorney was given the document was a nullity, and, consequently, the transfer of the 10 shares to plaintiff was invalid. Plaintiff had therefore to restore them, and also the scrip for three bonus shares and £131 in dividends; and he was also deprived of two additional bonus shares which were just on the point of being issued on the 10 shares. Plaintiff claimed £1075.

Defendants pleaded that they did not promise as alleged; that before any breach thereof plaintiff exonerated and discharged them from the performance of the contract; and that they delivered to the plaintiff, who accepted it, scrip signed by John M'Laughlin.

The plaintiff, in support of his case, put in evidence the sale note handed to him by Mr. Thompson, sen., and stated that nothing was said to him by Thompson to show that the shares were sold otherwise than as defendants' shares. It was admitted on behalf of the defendants that the shares in question came under the decree of the High Court, and that thereby plaintiff was deprived of his scrip. It was also admitted that the transfer of the shares originally belonging to Mr. M'Laughlin was invalid by reason of the incapacity of M'Laughlin to execute the power of attorney under which the transfer was executed.

Defendant T. J. Thompson gave evidence that the contract between him and the plaintiff took place in July, 1900, and upon being asked by Dr. Cullen what conversation took place at the time referred to,

Mr. Campbell objected on the ground that the sale note showed the defendants to be principals, and that being so parole evidence could not be given to rebut the fact.

After argument,

His Honor ruled that the sale note was on the face of it the contract. It was signed "T. J. Thompson and Sons, brokers," and not "as brokers." The buyer was manifestly M'Bride and the sellers "T. J. Thompson and Sons." The defendants, in the sale note, did not say that they were selling for any other person or "as brokers," or "as brokers for the owner of the shares," and on the authority of Cooper v Gardiner and other cases to which he had been referred by Mr. Campbell he was of opinion that the evidence could not be given.

Witness then said that at the time referred to he held no shares in the "Daily Telegraph" Newspaper Company.

At 4 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, without a jury.)

A COAL-MINING DISPUTE.

QUESTION OF WORKING THE BOREHOLE SEAM.

£5000 DAMAGES.

Merewether and others v Scottish Australian Mining Company, Limited.

Dr. Sly, K.C., Mr. Scholes, and Mr. H. Merewether, instructed by Mr. W. M. Barker, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Lamb and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., for the defendant company. In their declaration the plaintiffs, Augusta Maria Merewether, Edward Alworth Mitchell Merewether, Henry Alfred Mitchell Merewether, and William Mandeville Barker, sued the Scottish Australian Mining Company, Limited, for loss of royalty alleged to have been sustained by plaintiffs owing to the defendants not having carried on the working of the Borehole seam in a coal mine leased by them from the plaintiffs according to the best and most approved methods. An outline of the matter in dispute has already been published. Defendants in their pleas affirmed that the work had been carried on according to the best and most approved methods.

The case still stands part heard.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

ACTION FOR ALLEGED SLANDER.

MUSICAL NEIGHBOURS.

Lang v Margoschis.

Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Messrs. Sullivan Brothers, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Gannon, instructed by Messrs. Perkins and Fosbery, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Walter John Lang, of Redfern, dentist, against Alexander Margoschis, pawnbroker, carrying on business in the same locality, to recover compensation for alleged slander.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

EJECTMENT ACTION.

Fox v Holcombe.

Mr. Mann, instructed by Messrs. Holdsworth and Sons, appeared for the plaintiff, Mary Fox. Defendant, H. J. Holcombe, did not appear. The action was one of ejectment, to recover possession of an allotment of land at Newtown.

Verdict for the plaintiff.

ACTION FOR MONEY PAID.

Sellar v Joubert.

Mr. Mason, instructed by Messrs. Iceton and Faithfull (agents for Messrs. Blaxland, Mawson, and Rose, of Cooma), appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant did not appear. This was an action brought by John Alexander Sellar against Charles Fernand Joubert to recover the sum of £189 10s, made up of £37 10s, the price of a share in a mine called "The Birthday," and £152 for calls in respect of such share.

Verdict for the amount claimed.

CLAIM FOR WORK AND LABOUR.

Sweetnam v W. Kutnewsky, Ltd.

Mr. A. Thomson, instructed by Messrs. John Williamson and Sons, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. James and Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Messrs. Russell Jones and Barker, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Albert Miller Sweetnam against W. Kutnewsky, Limited, to recover the sum of £75 7s 3d, amount claimed to be due for certain work in fitting up a warehouse for the defendants in King-street, and material supplied. The defendants paid £30 into court as sufficient to satisfy the plaintiff's claim, and pleaded never indebted as to the balance.

The case stands part heard.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

AN ALLEGED PARTNERSHIP.

Further evidence was taken in the suit in which William M'Leod, jun., and Robert M'Leod are the plaintiffs, and Captain Richard Morris Phillips and Annie Phillips, his wife, are the defendants.

The plaintiffs' case had not closed when the further hearing was adjourned until the following day.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

HEARING OF CAUSES.

Maria Stanley, formerly Casey, applied for divorce from John Stanley on the ground of desertion. The marriage took place in July, 1891, at Kiama. Mr. W. D. Schrader appeared for petitioner. A decree nisi, returnable in three months, was granted.

Annie Jane Blanche, formerly Brewer, who was married to Matthew Andrew Blanche at Narrandera in September, 1898, asked for divorce owing to desertion. Mr. F. J. Tanner appeared for petitioner. A decree nisi, returnable in three months, was granted.

Emily Florence Bowman, formerly Worrall, sued for divorce from Frederick Charles Bowman, to whom she was married at Lismore in May, 1900. Petitioner claimed to have been deserted. A decree nisi, returnable in three months, was granted.

Charlotte Louisa Simmons, formerly Jackson, charged her husband, Joseph Henry Simmons, with desertion. The parties were married at Sydney in 1889. A decree nisi, returnable in three months, was granted.

George Smith, hotelkeeper, of Tuggerah Lakes, applied for divorce from Isabella Smith, formerly Tweed, to whom he was married in 1883 at Blue Gum Flat. Petitioner charged his wife with adultery at Singleton with one John Bocock, who was joined as co-respondent. Mr. Gerber, instructed by Mr. E. Trevor Jones, appeared for petitioner. A decree nisi, returnable in three months, was granted.

DAVY v DAVY.

Ernest Herbert Davy, a butcher, sued for divorce from Jessie Falconer Davy, formerly McLay, to whom he was married at Coal Creek Flat, Otago (N.Z.) in 1896, on the ground of desertion. Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. H. S. Williams, appeared for petitioner. His Honor found the issue proved, and granted a decree nisi, returnable in three months.

CHAPMAN v CHAPMAN.

Teresa Chapman, formerly Kirby, asked for a dissolution of her marriage with Leslie Harry Chapman, on the ground of desertion. Mr. P. K. White appeared for the petitioner. The marriage took place at Dubbo, in 1894, the respondent at that time being a fruiterer. A decree nisi was granted, returnable in three months.

JOHNSON v JOHNSON.

Edith Johnson, formerly Dyke, prayed for a divorce from John Byrne Johnson, on the ground of desertion. Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Mr. Freeman, appeared for the petitioner. Evidence was concluded, and his Honor reserved judgment on the question of domicile.

The Court adjourned till next day.

ARBITRATION COURT.

THE WHARF LABOURERS' DISPUTE.

Judge Heydon continued the hearing of evidence in the dispute between the Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union and the Interstate Steamship Owners' Association, and sat in the capacity of sole arbitrator under the mutual agreement of the parties to abide by his decision. Mr. Hughes, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the claimant union (the Wharf Labourers); Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, appeared for the interstate owners, and, instructed by Mr. W. M. Barker, also appeared for the coastal owners.

F. J. Thomas, manager of the Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, said that since 1900 he had not had a dispute with the Sydney wharf labourers. Any claim that the men should not start work before breakfast would not suit his company, because perishable goods had to be discharged early. Witness referred to the financial position of his company for the past 13½ years, since the amalgamation of the two old lines. The average profits had been 11¼ per cent. on the capital invested, and the average dividend had been 5½ per cent., the other 6 per cent. being required for depreciation. If the union claim were granted, the dividend would be reduced, in his opinion, to 3 per cent. The company was considering replacing one of its passenger boats, and was calculating on an expenditure of about £50,000. The passenger trade was the chief problem. For a period prior to 1901 his company did well. Since 1901 it had been on the down grade, but he took hope from the improved prospects of the whole State, and from the figures of his company for the first two months of the present half-year. If his company had to pay 1s 3d per hour, it would employ fewer constant men than at present, and would have to draw more upon casual men. The company ought to pay about 6 per cent. dividend this year, unless something untoward occurred. Freights had decreased at least 50 per cent. since the railway opened in May, 1889. The interstate companies did not, of course, suffer from railway competition. Other companies were not "ground down" by competition like the Newcastle and Hunter River Company, whose position in that respect was abnormal.

In cross-examination by Mr. Hughes, witness said the only way he could show how it was that there had been an increase in the employment of casual hands and a decrease in regular hands since 1891, was by a return extending over that period.

Mr. Hughes said he would like to get that return, for various reasons.

Mr. Kelynack said the employers had already spent hundreds of pounds in getting returns prepared and obtaining other information to lay before the Court.

Eventually, it was agreed that the return should cover three months before 1891, three months after that year, and three months of a subsequent year.

The Court adjourned till next day.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

HEARING OF CREDITORS' PETITION.

Re H. York and Son versus Edward William Noble. Petitioners asked leave to withdraw, as they stated the matter was settled. As the Registrar required an affidavit setting out the terms of the settlement, the matter was adjourned to Friday.

SINGLE MEETING.

Re Thomas Edwin Brown, orchardist, St. Ives. Examined by the official assignee (Mr. Palmer), bankrupt said he had not been insolvent before nor made a composition. His bankruptcy he attributed to having to defend himself in a lot of cases, which, he alleged, were concocted against him. At the present time he had a case in which an order was made by a magistrate for the support of a child the paternity of which he denied. His wife, whom he married in 1891, left him in August, 1903, alleging cruelty. On March 24, 1904, a decree of judicial separation was made between them on her petition. During the last two years he had paid about £200 in law costs. He sold two blocks of Berry Estate land in September, 1903, for £148 10s to pay his debts, and another two blocks he transferred to a sister at the same time in consideration of her taking and maintaining his eldest girl. He transferred four Hornsby allotments, worth about £130, and horses, carts, and furniture, to another sister in consideration of her looking after his other children. As accounts had only been filed the matter was adjourned to September 6. Bankrupt's statement of affairs showed liabilities £230 15s, and assets 10s.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Re Robert Griffin. Bankrupt failed to attend, and the matter was adjourned sine die.

Re William Munnings Montagu Arnold. Bankrupt, further examined by Mr. Palmer, official assignee, said that at the date of his sequestration £7 4s 5d accrued out of his pension, which he showed as an asset. He drew it on August 1, having been told at the Treasury that an official assignee could not claim the amount of the pension which had accrued at the date of sequestration. He had received notice that the official assignee now claimed the amount. He was not prepared to make any offer to pay the official assignee any portion of his pension for his creditors' benefit. He intended to make a proposal subject to certain concessions. He also intended to make an offer this week to the official assignee for the right, title, and interest, if any, in his membership of the Stock Exchange and life policy on the official assignee undertaking not to make any attempt to attach his pension. The examination was adjourned until September 6.

SECTION 30 EXAMINATION.

Re John Francis Dawson. Two witnesses gave evidence, and the examination was closed.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Messrs. H. A. G. Curry, President, C. Brandis, and W. Houston, Commissioners.)

RESERVED DECISIONS.

The appeals by A. P. M'Gregor, (1) against the direction of the local land board in respect of Abraham Pearlman's original conditional purchase application No. 1904-46, Gunnedah; (2), against the direction of the local land board in respect of Abraham Pearlman's additional conditional lease application No 1904-49, Gunnedah; (3), against the disallowance of his additional conditional purchase application No. 1904-56, Gunnedah, were by consent taken together.

The Court, in giving its decision, said the appellant, who is a pound-keeper and auctioneer, held 950 acres; and, according to his evidence, was to obtain an area of 318 acres, making a total area of 1298 acres. He applied for an additional 300 acres. When before the board he said he wished to amend his application so as to include an area of about 90 acres, and expressed a willingness that one J. T. Jones should obtain the balance of the land he applied for, but Mr. Jones had, however, not obtained it. On a review of the evidence, the Court did not feel justified in disturbing the board's decision, and, therefore, dismissed the appeal, deposits to be refunded.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The appeals Nos. 7463 and 7464 by F. J. Parks (executor of the late Alice Hearn) against the disallowance of additional conditional purchase application No. 1904-27, Narrabri, and against the disallowance of additional conditional purchase application No. 1904-28, Narrabri, were, by consent, taken together.

The Court, in giving its decision, said the appellant made two applications, each for an additional conditional purchase. The original conditional purchase was made in the year 1873, under the repealed Acts. It was held by James Hearn, who died on August 13, 1877. He devised the land to his wife, Alice Hearn, who herself died on October 14, 1899. Under her will the appellant was appointed sole executor. The applications now in question expressed to be made on behalf of the beneficiaries under the will, Harold King Parks and Frederick Thomas Parks, each of whom was, it seemed, under 16 years of age at the time the applications were made.

The condition of residence attaching to the original purchase had been long since fulfilled. Such sections of the existing Crown Lands Acts as referred to cases where the holder of a conditional purchase died appeared to be confined to conditional purchase made under those Acts. Section 125 of the Act of 1884 referred to conditional purchases made since that Act took effect, though its provisions were extended to conditional purchasers under the repealed Acts, who shall hold or be entitled to make application for a conditional lease.

The first part of section 8 of the Act of 1903 appeared to be an amendment of section 29 of the Act of 1895, and to refer to conditional purchases to which the latter section would apply, i.e., to conditional purchases applied for after the Act of 1895 took effect.

The original conditional purchase was, the Court understood, transferred in the books of the Lands Department to the name of Frederick James Parks as holder, but with no power of transfer. The appellant, therefore, stood in the character of registered holder. Section 20 of the Act of 1895 imposed a condition of residence in conection with every additional conditional purchase, and sub-section F. of section 3 of the Act of 1903 provided that no application under the latter section should be entertained from the transferee of an original conditional purchase unless such applicant was in residence on his holding for six months immediately prior to his application, unless the local land board found that the applicant was forced to discontinue his residence under adverse conditions beyond his control. Cases were quoted showing that in one instance (Jepson v Kinsela) the Court held that the residence of the executor and executrix was sufficient; and in another (Brownlow and Heane v Commercial Banking Company of Sydney) the Court regarded the residence of the beneficiaries as sufficient. Under section 44 of the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act (13-1898), the estate of a deceased person passed to and became vested in the executors, and section 47 of that Act provided that the executor held according to the trusts and dispositions of the will. Section 83 provided that the executor, instead of executing a conveyance, might sign an acknowledgment that the devisee was entitled to the real estate, for which the same was devised to him; and upon registration thereof the real estate vested in the devisee, while section 84 provided for an executor signing such acknowledgment, or executing a conveyance to the devisee. In the present case neither the executor nor the beneficiaries had been in residence.

The appellant's counsel asked the Court to dispose of the case by laying down that an executor was not a transferee within the meaning of subsection "f" of section 3, of the 1903 Act. Without saying whether they agreed that his contention was sound or not, the acceptance of his view would have the effect that if "A" transferred an original conditional purchase to "B," although the latter would not be qualified during his lifetime, so long as he did not reside, to apply for an additional conditional purchase, after his death his executors might do what B himself was unable to do. The testator's own personal right, or rather privilege, of applying for more land died with him. After his death, a new set of persons and circumstances had to be considered. If an infant who was a devisee could take up an additional purchase through the executor, why could not an executor take up with moneys of the estate an original conditional purchase, seeing that the testator himself might, perhaps, have been entitled to do so. Taking the view that in a case like this the capacity of the beneficiaries could not be lost sight of altogether, it appeared to the Court the appeal should be dismissed.

Mr. Brandis: I dissent, as I am of opinion that F. J. Parks is not a transferee within the meaning of sub-section "f" of section 3 of the Act of 1903, and that he was entitled to make the applications in question.

Appeals dismissed. Deposits to be refunded.

RABBIT-PROOF FENCING.

This was an appeal by the executors and trustees of the estate of the late James O'Hare against the decision of the local land board in respect of a claim by McKay Brothers for contribution of erection of rabbit-proof fence on the boundaries on Wollondibby holding and freehold portions 24, 43, and 1, parish of Wollondibby, and annual lease No. 5541, parish of Grenville, county of Wellesley.

The Court said they did not attach importance to the question whether or not a notice of demand was duly forwarded to the chairman of the Pastures Protection Board in accordance with the requirements of regulation 46. The Court regarded that regulation as directory only, as section 42 of the Pastures Protection Act made it necessary only that the notice of demand should be given to the owner of the land from whom a contribution was demanded. With regard to some aspects of the case, the Court would like some further evidence, and accordingly remitted it to the board for further evidence on the question whether the fence was on a common boundary within the meaning of sections 26 and 42 of the Pastures Protection Act; as to the circumstances under which and by whom it was agreed that the fence should be erected in its present position, and as to the title to the appellant's and the respondents' lands so far as the fences in question were concerned. The board was also directed to take such further evidence as either of the parties might tender in support or explanation of the positions they respectively took up.

A RING-BARKING CASE.

This was an appeal by A. M. Egan against the finding of the Warren Board in respect of certain conditions attaching to improvement lease No. 793, Warren. The finding of the board was as follows:—"The holder does not fulfil the condition of ring-barking, thereby escaping an expenditure of £498, and recommended that he be excused from any further ring-barking, as, in their opinion, it would be detrimental to the proper usage of the land for grazing. The holder has not fulfilled the condition of fostering and protecting myall or saltbush. The fulfilment of this condition has not been attempted, though, in the board's opinion, there is sufficient water to water the stock the lease would carry and to irrigate any one area of 50 acres of lucerne or cereals. The use of rabbit netting does not appear to have been directed. The lease is liable to forfeiture." The Court upheld the board's decision, and dismissed the appeal; deposit to be refunded.

OTHER DECISIONS.

Appeals by J. Nelson, No. 7451 (1), against the proposed allotment of a reduced area in satisfaction of his additional conditional lease application No. 1904-60, Gunnedah; No. 7452 (2), against the direction of local land board in respect of James Francis Rusden M'Gregor's original conditional purchase application No. 1904-57, Gunnedah; and No. 7453 (3), against the direction of local land board in respect of James Francis Rusden M'Gregor's additional conditional lease application No. 1904-62, Gunnedah.

Appeals by G. R. Morse, No. 7460 (1), against the direction of local land board in respect of his additional conditional purchase application No. 1904-52, Gunnedah, and No. 7461 (2), against the direction of local land board in respect of his additional conditional lease application No. 1904-55, Gunnedah.

Appeal by C. J. Clegg, No. 7462, against the proposed allotment of a reduced area in satisfaction of his additional conditional lease application No. 1904-61, Gunnedah. These appeals were, by consent, taken together. The land applied for has frontage to the Namoi River, on the opposite side of which, and not far distant, is the town of Boggabri. The cases, like many of their class, contained evidence the greater part of which was from those interested in obtaining more land. The Court was reluctant to decide the appeals on the present evidence, and returned the cases to the board to rehear the appellants' and the respondents' applications, and secure evidence from disinterested persons as to the capabilities of the land held, and that applied for, and as to what area each applicant would require with what he already holds (under any tenure other than annual tenure) for the maintenance of his home thereon in average seasons and circumstances. The evidence already given was to be taken as evidence at the rehearing. Deposits to be refunded.

Appeal by T. O'Shaughnessy against the direction of local land board in respect of Thomas Whelan's additional conditional lease application, No. 1905-3, Narrandera.

The Court in giving its decision, said this case was not on all fours with the case of Harvey v Renton, 14 L.Cl., 229. In the present instance the appellant, by virtue of an original conditional purchase of 65 acres, and two additional conditional purchases of 385¼ acres and 220½ acres respectively, making 693¾ acres in all, obtained a conditional lease of 1128 acres, i.e., 653 acres less than three times the area of the conditional purchase. These applications were disposed of some time ago. On June 9, 1904, he made by virtue of the original conditional purchase one application for an additional conditional purchase of 258½ acres, which would bring his area up to 1979 acres. The board on November 2, 1904, directed a survey of 258½ acres in satisfaction of this additional conditional purchase; but it was not confirmed until July 7, 1905, and before it was thus confirmed he, on February 16, 1905, made an application for a conditional lease of 1728 acres, which would bring his area beyond 2560 acres, the maximum area prescribed by the principal Acts. The Court had to conclude that as the area of 1728 acres was more than three times the area of the additional conditional purchase, the application must have been made by virtue both of the original and the additonal conditional purchases; but it seemed that the application could not be said not to have been made (though only partly made) by virtue of the original conditional purchase. A second application was, therefore, made by virtue of the conditional purchase, which formed the basis of the latter application before a preceding application was disposed of. The Court thought a mere direction for survey would not be a disposal within the meaning of section 3 of the Act of 1903, as the application might be disallowed or confirmed after survey took place. Had the appellant applied for about 580 acres he would have been entitled to make the application under consideration; but as the total area exceeded 2560 acres his last application made before the disposal of the previous application seemed to be invalid. The Court accordingly dismissed the appeal, and also dismissed the related appeal in case No. 7441. The deposit in each case to be refunded.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Acting Justice Fitzhardinge and a jury of 12.)

Mr. H. Pollock, Crown Prosecutor.

THE M'FARLANE CASE.

CHARGE OF MURDER.

Isadore Wyhe was charged with having murdered Catharine Mary M'Farlane at Sydney, on August 8. Mr. Lyons, instructed by Mr. A. W. Hyman, appeared for the accused, who pleaded not guilty. The accused challenged nine jurymen, and the Crown one.

The evidence was very similar to that in the case against Osborne Henry Hardwick, who was found guilty of manslaughter on the previous day. The Crown case was that the accused performed an illegal operation on the girl, and that death resulted in consequence.

The accused made the following statement from the dock:—"I being a friend of Hardwick, he came to me and told me that he had got the girl into trouble, and had taken her somewhere to be operated upon. Being so much older than he, I tried to get him to tell me what he had done, and imagined that he had taken her to some woman. He told me that an instrument had been used, and that the girl was very ill. I then prescribed a mixture with a view to saving the girl's life. Beyond that I knew nothing whatever of her death until I was accused of her murder. I never saw the girl. My experience would have guided me as to the danger of such an operation; and, moreover, the absence of all antiseptic precautions would prove the work to have been other than mine. I am the victim of the lad's endeavour to acquit himself. Knowing that I am guiltless of the charge, I leave my case with all confidence in the hands of the jury. It is absolutely false that I gave the lad instructions how to procure a certain event. I gave him no instrument. The instrument I purchased was for a legitimate use. I know that it is sometimes difficult to sift the true from the false, but I confidently trust in the jury."

Catherine Walsh, a nurse at the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, remembered the deceased on her deathbed. At about 5.20 on the morning that death took place Constable Robertson took the accused to the bedside, and the deceased said that "on her dying oath" she could not swear that he was the man who performed the operation, but that Hardwick would know. Deceased added that Hardwick had told her that the man who operated had no moustache, and that the accused had. The girl said to accused that she had seen him dozens of times, and he replied that he had never seen her. The accused had then stated that he did not deny knowing Hardwick. At the time the girl was quite sensible.

That closed the defence.

The Court rose until the following morning, and the jury was locked up for the night.

METROPOLITAN QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Gibson and juries.)

Mr. H. Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

ACQUITTED.

Sydney Clarke and Edward Albert Nesbit were charged with having at Glebe on July 11 assaulted Walter Clifford Armstrong, occasioning him actual bodily harm. Mr. J. J. Carroll appeared for the accused, who pleaded not guilty. Armstrong, who was described as an actor, was Clarke's brother-in-law, and the latter, in company with Nesbit, was alleged to have called at Armstrong's house, and after some words, assaulted him. The defence was that Armstrong had been illtreating his wife, Clarke's sister, and that Clarke had proceeded to take off his coat in retaliation, when Armstrong struck him. Clarke then hit Armstrong, and a fight ensued. Nesbit was present, but took no part in the proceedings.

The jury, without leaving the box, returned a verdict of not guilty, and the accused were discharged.

Daniel Jones, charged with having on April 21 stolen three statues, the property of Charles Joseph Pittman, at Balmain, was found not guilty, and discharged.

Walter Donovan pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on July 7, at Sydney, stolen a watch and chain, one breastpin, and one trinket, the property of Florence Wood.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty without leaving the court, and the accused was discharged.

MALICIOUSLY WOUNDING WITH INTENT.

Stephen Hand, a middle-aged man, was charged with having at Camperdown on July 15 maliciously wounded Charles Bradley, with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The accused, who was undefended, pleaded not guilty. The Crown case was that the accused stabbed Bradley in the face with a knife; while Hand contended that as he was cutting tobacco Bradley rushed upon him, and fell on the knife.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the accused was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for five years.

GUILTY.

Hamilton Spier pleaded guilty to having stolen a cheque for £174 8s 7d, the property of the Mercantile Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Limited, and was remanded for sentence.

LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31.

SUPREME COURT.

Cause Lists.—Banco Court, St. James'-road.—At 10 a.m.: McBride v Thompson and another, part heard. At 11 a.m.: Nimmo v Railway Commissioners; Neely v Municipal Council of Sydney.

Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend the Banco Court to-day need not attend until 11 a.m. The jurors engaged in the part heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

No. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—Merewether and others v Scottish Australian Mining Company, Ltd., part heard.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—Sweetnam v W. Kutnowsky, part heard; Greville v Williams.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: A. Booke Roberts and Co., Ltd., v Slade, 10.30 a.m. Before the Chief Clerk.—Quillinan v Quillinan, 10.15 a.m.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: McLeod v Phillips, part heard. Before the Master in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Bull v Thompson, for directions. At 11.30 a.m.: Robertson v Moffitt, to proceed on accounts. At 2 p.m.: McMahon v Clarke, to proceed; McMahon v Browne, to proceed. Before the Deputy Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Re Legal Practitioners Act, etc., taxation. At 11.15: same, to settle draft certificate. At 2.15 p.m.: Tyson v Tyson, to settle minutes of order. At 2.30 p.m.: A.J.S. Bank v Garrett, to settle minutes of order. At 3 p.m.: Allen McMillan and Public Works Act, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: Philip G. King, 10; Frederick Wyatt, 10.30; Fosian Pick, 11; William McDonald, 11.30; Solomon Wiseman, 12; William F. Stevenson, 12.30; Michael Ryan, 2.30.

In Divorce.—Before Mr. Justice Walker, in No. 2 Jury Court.—At 10: Hearing of causes.

In Lunacy.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge, in Equity, at 10 a.m.—Lunacy matters.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m. Motion for release: Charles Hiscocks and James Waddell, trading as C. Hiscocks and Co. Certificate application: William Herbert Bentley. Examination under section 30: Sydney Maxted, estate of Heber Maxwell Laugher, deceased. Single meeting: Edward Walsh. Confirmation of accounts and plans.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Probate Court, Queen's-square.—Before the President, sitting alone by request of the parties.—At 10 a.m. For hearing: In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union, industrial union of employees, claimant, and the New South Wales Interstate Steamship Owners' Association, industrial union of employers, respondent, part heard.

COURT OF REVIEW.

Before his Honor Judge Murray, in No. 2 Court.—At 10 a.m. Appeal against Land Tax assessment: Josephson, Sydney A., and another, trustees estate of late J. F. Josephson, for judgment.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

Isadore Wyhe, murder, part heard; Felice Magrina, wounding with intent to murder.

Notice.—The attendance of the jurors summoned for to-day will not be required till 12 o'clock noon.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Charles Johnson and Gus Johnson, breaking and entering and stealing; Clara Dooley, maliciously wounding; Percival Morgan, inflicting grievous bodily harm.

CUSTOMS INQUIRY.

At 10 a.m., before the Collector, Mr. N. Lockyer.—P. M. Dudley, of Dudley and Co., unlawful possession of rope subject to Customs control.

POLICE COURTS.

STEALING TIMBER.

At the Central Police Court yesterday John Bayliss, 27, porter, and George Bayliss, 27, shunter, were charged with stealing timber, valued at 3s, the property of the Railway Commissioners, on August 10. The two accused were seen leaving the Railway Commissioners' premises, Regent-street, with the timber. When asked by Senior-constable Nulley and Constable T. Scott what they were doing with the timber they replied that they had obtained permission from one of the fettlers to take it. It was stated that the wood was taken openly, and that both accused bore good characters. The practice of carrying timber away by unauthorised persons had been going on for some time without check. A sentence of one month's imprisonment was imposed, the sentences to be suspended under the provisions of the First Offenders Act.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

James Thomas Fitzsimmons, 29, and Charles Goddard, 24, were charged at the Central Police Court yesterday with stealing in the dwelling-house of Anthony Hardge, Hotel Premier Seddon, George-street, city, on the 11th instant, two £5 bank notes, six sovereigns, £1 in silver money, two purses, one lady's handbag, and a quantity of Transvaal postage stamps, of the total value of £20. It was stated that the two accused were in the bar of the hotel. The proprietor was called away, and in his absence it was alleged that a bag containing the articles was stolen. Accused were committed for trial.

At the same court Leslie Owen, 22, was charged with breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Sing Foy, and stealing therein certain articles valued at £5, on the 19th instant. Owen was committed for trial.

VIOLENT PROCEEDINGS.

Walter Thynne, a young man, dealing in rabbits and fruit, was charged at the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., with using indecent language, and maliciously damaging a window of the Royal Hotel, William-street. The prosecution alleged that accused went into the billiard-room of those premises under the influence of liquor on the 24th instant, and picked a quarrel with another man, throwing cues, billiard balls, and chairs at him. The licensee came in, "gave accused a punch," and ejected him. During these proceedings the language complained of was used. From the middle of the street accused smashed one of the plateglass windows with a stone, saying to the licensee, "Now I've had my revenge; call the coppers." The defence was that accused was the assaulted party. He was fined on both charges, £7 10s in all, in default two months' imprisonment.

ILLTREATING HIS HORSES.

Alex. Carr, a drayman, was prosecuted by Sub-inspector Sobye, at the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, on two charges of unnecessarily beating his horses, the evidence of the police being that accused thrashed one of them so severely that it fell down in the street. On each charge accused was fined £2, with costs 6s, in default one month's imprisonment.

BREACH OF THE LIQUOR ACT.

At the Water Summons Court yesterday Inspector Sherwood proceeded against William Roderick, licensee of the Edinburgh Arms, Sussex-street, for delaying the admission of the police on Sunday, 20th inst. Defendant was fined £3 and costs 6s, in default one month.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

At the weekly meeting of the Water Licensing Court yesterday, the Bench consisted of Messrs. G. H. Smithers, S.M. (chairman), and E. H. Wilshire, S.M. The following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted:—Carl Hausman to Louis Russell Kirtley, Rest Hotel, Alfred-street, North Sydney; Joseph Benjamin Crick to William Orr Stewart, Cricketer's Arms Hotel, Darling-street, Balmain; Charles W. J. Woods to David Roux Binsson, Royal George Hotel, King-street.

EXCISE INQUIRY.

The Collector of Customs (Mr. N. Lockyer) inquired yesterday into a breach of the excise regulations. The papers will be forwarded to the Minister for decision.

M. Rohan, hotelkeeper, West Maitland, was called upon to explain why he had omitted to cut the duty stamps on a case and a cask of beer. The case, he explained, was inadvertently put into the yard with the stamp uncut, through the action of his handyman. In respect to the second omission, he attributed that to his lending a cask of beer to a club at Maitland.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It appears to me that a large class of people in their anxiety to combat socialism in the sphere of Federal politics are overlooking a real and crying need for vigilance in their own State. In New South Wales the political party which stands for the socialistic idea is pursuing its object with a really admirable energy, enthusiasm, and singleness of purpose—qualities which must eventually command success if they are not met with similar fighting weapons in the hands of those who espouse opposite principles. The Labour party is the party of a single idea—extension of the functions of the State; its collective mind is dominated and controlled by this idea; it seizes on every practical instalment of it with avidity; and the consequence is hardly a legislative dish which does not contain some flavouring of the Labour party's condiment of State socialism. Why, Sir, if that party's opponents were equally enthusiastic State socialism, as a factor in local politics, would be as dead as Julius Caesar. Is it not time that we recognised this, and, adopting a policy of straight-out opposition, fought socialism "with the buttons off the foils?" The present Ministry is to be congratulated on an honest and capable attempt to place our finances on a proper basis after the wild financial orgy of the previous Government, but the building of a railway by day labour, a Government Motor Omnibus Bill, and the apparent indecision on the locomotive construction question (where a clear issue exists between State socialism and private enterprise) are not reassuring to those of their friends who helped to place them in power on the issue of "encouragement to private enterprise." It makes one think to see friend and foe alike combining in this manner to bring the Labour party nearer and nearer to its goal of the State as the universal employer.

We are already straining under the load which State socialism has imposed upon us. The interest bill which we are compelled to pay as the result of State enterprises which are not paying their way is already enormous, and it seems to be increasing year by year—in fact, it must do so by the very nature of State enterprises. The policy is sapping our independence, and in a particular manner does it demoralise those who get employment under it. They keep up a running fire of demands for concessions of all kinds—which are usually obtained sooner or later at the expense of the general taxpayer. Already the people of this State may almost be divided into two classes—those who are in the employ of the State and those who wish to be. The State enterprises have encouraged our borrowing propensities so much that we have a vague idea that the real source of wealth is in Lombard street instead of in our own resources. The "Government stroke" is ruining us, as it would assuredly ruin any private employer. It is astounding to see a Government elected on such issues as the present one in this State hesitating on such a question as that of locomotive construction, and apparently undecided as to whether they will enlarge the already unwieldy State machinery by an excursion into manufacturing in competition with private enterprises—a domain in which it is well known the "Government stroke" is most pronounced. It is opposed to all experience, to reason and common sense, to contend that work will be done as cheaply or as expeditiously in Government shops as in shops where the element of private interest exists, and it is unfair to the rest of the community to grant special privileges and advantages to a small section of the workers at the expense of the others. Why is it our railways and tramways do not pay? How on earth can they pay while it is in the power of the Parliament, in opposition to those who administer these departments, to grant the employees certain privileges involving an extra annual outlay of £60,000 per annum, as was done by the introduction of the eight-hour system amongst the tramway employees? These demands amongst State employees for concessions and privileges are never-ending, and they are adding to the burden of the general taxpayers year by year.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the present Government, representing as it should do the negation of the Labour party's chief ideal—State socialism—will take a firm stand on this all-important question, and, whether in regard to locomotive construction, railway building, or any other important works, set its face against any further addition to the already complicated State machinery and any further increase in that large army of State employees which already constitutes such an incubus on the tax-paying community. Give private enterprise free play in the iron and other industries, and there would soon be an end of the present stagnation in trade; but encourage State socialism and banish private enterprise, and what is left?

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"Along the Richmond" is the title of a set of six pictures and a special article in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

MUSIC IN HYDE PARK.

A proposal by the New South Wales Band Association that a sum of £300 be provided for the purpose of conducting band contests in Hyde Park was considered yesterday at a committee meeting of the City Council. For that amount the association would give 60 performances, equal to £5 per programme, two performances per week for six months. This would allow the association to invite the associated bands of this State or of the other States to take part. As the Municipal Act does not permit the council to vote moneys for such a purpose it was suggested that the sum required be voted to the Lord Mayor, and then handed over to the musicians. Newcastle, the association stated, had voted several sums for the provision of music in the parks, as had also Lismore and other country towns. By some of the aldermen the application was regarded in a favourable light, it being held that as large sums were being expended in improving Hyde Park the amount asked for would not be felt, and the music would tend to popularise the park. Others, however, took the view that the allocation of sums of money for such purposes was establishing a dangerous precedent. The meeting regretted that the council had no power to carry out the suggestion.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

CITY NIGHT REFUGE AND SOUP KITCHEN.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the City Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen was held yesterday afternoon at the headquarters, Kent-street. There was a large and representative gathering, presided over by the Lord Mayor of Sydney.

The secretary, Mr. J. B. Gibbs, presented the annual report, which showed that the demand on the resources of the institution during the year just ended had exceeded that of the previous year to the extent of over 1700 applicants for meals and 900 applicants for shelter. The total number of meals supplied, including dinners, Sunday morning breakfasts, and outdoor relief, was 156,152, and shelter was afforded to 42,260 men, women, and children, showing an increase of 1700 meals and 900 beds over the previous year.

The treasurer's balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £76 9s 4d.

The Lord Mayor congratulated the institution on the splendid work it was doing, and favourably commended it to the sympathy and support of the public. He was, however, astonished to find that the institution was able to do so much. All the work had been done by public subscription, and had been accomplished in season and out of season for 35 years without one penny of Government aid. The institution had thereby saved the public exchequer a large sum of money, for it would, under other conditions, have rested with the Government to provide means to afford relief to so many persons. He had no hesitation in saying that the usual Government endowment ought to be given to this institution, which was doing much to relieve the State of looking after such matters. He trusted representations would be made to the Government for support, and he felt sure a favourable reply would be received; but for all that, he hoped the interest the public had taken in the institution for so many years would not falter in any way. Both he and his wife would do all in their power to aid in furthering the objects in view. (Applause.)

The Rev. J. E. Carruthers moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Briggs, and carried.

On the motion of Mr. G. D. Dixson, seconded by the Rev. T. J. Curtis, the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, his Excellency the Governor; president, Sir Mathew Henry Stephen; vice-presidents, the Archbishop of Sydney, Mr. James Watson, M.L.C., Mr. James Stedman; chairman of committee, Mr. Hunter McPherson; vice-chairman, Mr. E. A. Rennie; committee, Captain E. Craig, Messrs. Robert Anderson, D. Davis, J. B. Gibbs, Thomas Henley, M.L.A., A. C. Hewlett, Edward Hordern, Chas. Lemaire, J. R. Love, H. McPherson, D. J. Monk, E. J. B. Playfair, T. W. Pulsford, E. A. Rennie, Jas. Stedman, A. W. Scott, F. Searl, and J. T. Tillock; building committee, Messrs. R. Anderson, D. Davis, and T. Henley; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. C. Hewlett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. B. Gibbs; hon. medical officers, Sir Philip Sydney Jones, Drs. Bennett and O'Reilly; trustees, Sir Mathew Henry Stephen, Messrs. James Watson, M.L.C., and James Stedman; hon. accountants, Messrs. Lyell and Allard; manager, Mr. H. Talkes; collector, Mrs. M. Frickhoffer.

Mr. T. W. Pulsford moved,—"That this meeting tenders its best thanks to all who have assisted in promoting the objects of this institution during the past year, and hopes for a continuance of their help in the future."

Canon Boyce seconded the resolution, which was carried.

The company was afterwards entertained at afternoon tea by the wife of the superintendent.

The report of the matron of the Women's Hospital for the month of July showed:—Patients treated, indoor, admitted 25, discharged 29, remaining in hospital 23 and 5 infants. Births, indoor 24, outdoor 66, making a total of 90. 116 cases were attended at the out-patients' department.

A TORPID LIVER.

RADICALLY CURED.

THE CASE OF MRS. A. M. DONNELLY.

(By a Sydney Reporter.)

The way to try a question fairly is, where any doubt exists, to put that question practically and reasonably to the test. This is what Mrs. Annie Margaret Donnelly did, and the result was spoken of in enthusiastic terms during the course of the following interview, which took place at her home, 41 Ultimo-street, Ultimo:—

"At one period of my life I had met with so many reverses that I was really dubious about the advisability of making any further efforts to attain success," said Mrs. Donnelly.

"About how long ago was that?" queried the writer.

"Fifteen years ago when I was nothing but a shattered wreck, a condition I found myself in after successive attacks of typhoid and erysipelas. Those diseases, coming on top of each other, left me awfully weak, and I could just barely crawl about when it was suggested that I should try some Clements Tonic. Other medicines had gone for nothing, and I doubted if this last remaining one could benefit me; but I eventually concluded that no harm would be done in trying it, especially as my husband had brought a bottle home to start with. One of his mates working on the railway had urged him to do so; and what a good thing for me it turned out to be!"

"Had the medicine taken previously been prescribed?"

"Yes, by my doctor; but that did not make any difference, and I'm sure that if I had been taking his physic still I would be no better off for it. I was living in Newtown then, though I am not a native of that place, having been born in Kelso, Scotland, where I left twenty-seven years ago, and people around where I was residing could tell you how near death everybody thought I was. I could not eat with any degree of pleasure, and whatever I swallowed turned sour in the stomach, and gave me more pain than enough. From morning till night I was so languid and disinterested with everything about me that I really could not see what I was living for. There was no pleasure anywhere for me. Nothing but gloom and wretchedness on every hand. Oh! I do pity the poor souls who get as melancholy as I was, and it is just on that account that I wish to make my story known. Well, when I got any sleep at all, which, by the way, was very seldom, it was always of a troubled nature—hideous faces in dreams flitting about in all directions, and when awake my nervousness knew no bounds. I was timid all day, at anything and nothing, and I had become so thin and pale that it seemed impossible that I could recover. The heaviness and pain I had in the chest were nearly enough to stop my breathing altogether, and as well as this I had pains under the blades of my shoulders that defied all my efforts to remove them. Indeed, the agony was so great there that my husband thought my lungs were affected, and, to tell you the truth, I thought so, too."

"But you were mistaken, were you not?"

"Yes, I think so. It was my liver that caused the trouble, and it was Clements Tonic that made my internal organs healthy again, and gave to my nervous system the tone and strength it required to rid me of the tearsome misgivings that made me the spiritless, miserable creature I was. Ah! I thank Clements Tonic from my heart that it came to my rescue, otherwise I'm sure I would have perished. My eyes used to be heavy, sunken and dull, but Clements Tonic made them bright again. My cheeks filled out, because Clements Tonic made me eat so well. Each night my sleep became more regular and soothing, and at the end of each week's use of Clements Tonic there was a wonderful addition to my strength and vigour. In reasonable time my pains had every one gone, and for all these years my cure has remained intact. This story should prove a good index to others, so you may publish it as you choose in any way."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, ANNIE MARGARET DONNELLY, of No. 41 Ultimo-street, Ultimo, in the State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios, and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish in any way my statement—which I give voluntarily, without receiving any payment; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.



Subscribed and declared at Sydney this third day of September, one thousand nine hundred and four, before me,

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HENRY E. POTTER, Local Secretary.

Adelaide, 25th August, 1905.

NEW ZEALAND'S LAND LAWS.

REVOLUTIONARY PROPOSALS.

THE ETERNAL LEASE.

ITS ABOLITION SUGGESTED BY THE PREMIER.

THE CRY FOR THE FREEHOLD.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

WELLINGTON, Aug. 26.

By the time this letter reaches Sydney the New Zealand House of Representatives will be debating one of the most important matters it has had to consider for very many years. The members of the "popular Chamber" are to be asked next week to discuss the terms upon which what is left of the national estate may be acquired, as well as the conditions which may be applied to over a score of thousand of the present tenants of the State. The Premier, Mr. Seddon, caused something approaching a sensation last Wednesday, when he gave notice to move a long series of resolutions on the land question. There are some extraordinary features about these resolutions. For example, while they contain some proposals of such a revolutionary character as to involve the reversal of some of the cardinal principles of the policy which in very great measure has given the Liberal Government health and strength for over a dozen years, the suggestions are in the main of such an ambiguous and tentative nature as to commit the Government to nothing. Thus Ministers have rendered themselves liable to the taunt that with all their strength and their long term of office they are without convictions on what is, perhaps, the most vital question of the day.

To arrive at a proper understanding of the matter it is necessary to state the terms and conditions under which the Crown now disposes of its lands. Broadly speaking, there are three tenures, namely:—

1. Cash, in which one-fifth of the purchase money is paid down at once and the remainder within thirty days. The final title is not given until certain improvements have been made on the land.
2. Lease, with a purchasing clause, at a 5 per cent. rental on the value of the land; the lease being for twenty-five years, with the right to purchase at the original upset price at any time after the first ten years, and within twenty-five years, or to convert into a lease in perpetuity (third tenure).
3. Lease in perpetuity (999 years), at a rental of 4 per cent. on the capital value—without revaluation.

Lands held under the freehold tenure (1) must be improved within seven years to an amount of £1 an acre for "first-class" land, and 10s an acre for "second-class." Selectors under the occupation with right of purchase system (2) hold their lands under a license for twenty-five years (as stated above) with the right of purchase only after various conditions as to residence and improvements have been complied with; or, in lieu of purchase, the license may be exchanged for a lease in perpetuity (3).

One of the conditions of the lease in perpetuity is that there is at no time a right to purchase the freehold. This tenure was one of the pet schemes of the late Sir John M'Kenzie, Minister for Lands, who established it in 1892. The Opposition was then much stronger than it is to-day, and the Minister and his colleagues had to fight "tooth and nail" to get this law on the Statute Book. The main objection was that the tenure was too liberal. A 999 years' lease was considered equivalent for all practical purposes to a freehold, and as there was no provision for periodical revaluation, opponents of the tenure urged that the State was parting with the unearned increment without getting value for it—that, in short, it was robbing the present generation and the "unborn millions" to boot. But Sir John M'Kenzie (or Mr. M'Kenzie, as he was then) was a firm believer in the State ownership of the soil, and he had a majority with him. Thus was born what has come to be known as "the eternal lease."

Here is an interesting statement of lands selected since the passing of the Land Act of 1892, showing the preference of tenure:—

Year.	Occupation with Right of Purchase.		Lease in Perpetuity.		Cash.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
		Acres.		Acres.		
1892-93 ...	161	54,271	126	55,330	325	35,795
1893-94 ...	461	108,133	447	151,324	249	33,2?0
1894-95 ...	398	75,477	336	87,374	174	22,373
1895-96 ...	431	84,967	415	89,144	169	26,030
1896-97 ...	277	59,647	278	62,229	90	9,835
1897-98 ...	380	81,414	299	76,958	65	6,580
1898-99 ...	458	109,949	362	99,282	114	17,824
1899-1900	396	117,771	348	111,108	95	16,519
1900-1	673	262,729	295	97,138	127	37,862
1901-2	447	128,893	241	65,408	237	26,739
1902-3	403	118,557	285	108,095	79	15,345
1903-4	402	146,953	97	80,710	113	20,0??
1904-5	238	74,033	68	15,833	67	11 344
Totals ...	5,124	1,422,704	3,507	1,040,928	1,904	291,10?

The first consideration suggested by these figures is that whereas during the first five years settlers showed a preference for the eternal lease, more land being taken up under this tenure than under either of the others, there has during the last eight years been a falling off of "perpetual leasers," and an increase in settlement under the occupation, with right of purchase, system. There are several reasons for this. First and foremost must be placed the unpractical, perhaps, but nevertheless the very real, consideration of sentiment. There is an inherent desire implanted in the heart of almost all men and women to own the land they live on, and to know that none can question their right to do so. No matter how favourable a lease may be, no matter for how long a term, it falls short of requirements. There is an undoubted pleasure in handling the title deeds of one's own property, with the knowledge that one may do with it as he will—sell, give, or keep it. When the State offers land for practically a thousand years on such easy terms as the New Zealand lease in perpetuity, this hankering for the freehold may not commend itself to the cold, matter-of-fact calculator, whose only gospel is £ s d, but in the average mortal the desire to own is very real. It may be unprofitable, it may be foolish—but it is there.

But if this is so, it may be pertinently asked, why did the people take up perpetual leases for a number of years, in preference to selecting under the optional plan? And why did they evince a desire during the later years to go on the land under the optional system? And the answer is twofold. The desire for the freehold has grown, first, with the growth of the Farmers' Union movement; and, second, with the insidious threat of revaluation. Perhaps the last-named factor has been one of the strongest levers in the clamour for the freehold. Be that as it may, the demand has been getting so much louder of late that the Premier—who, it is said, has always his ear to the ground—found that something must be done. So he set up a Royal Commission. That Commission was composed half of freeholders and half of leaseholders, and its report, as was anticipated, was of such a nature as may best be described as "half-and-half."

Having got but cold comfort and little assistance from the Royal Commission, the Premier is now doing what he has not done for many a long day—he is asking Parliament for guidance. As to the resolutions to be moved next Tuesday, it must be said that while they open with the bold proposition to abolish the lease in perpetuity, and while they appear at the first blush to accede to the cry of Crown tenants for the freehold, when the grammar—or, rather, the lack of grammar—of the resolutions is considered, it is found that the whole question is left open. Here is a fair sample:—"That in respect to lessees who now occupy under lease in perpetuity . . . whether they are to have the right to acquire the freehold."

An important phase of the freehold question—supposing Parliament agrees to give its tenants the option, is whether they are to purchase at the present market value or at the capital value upon which they originally selected, plus 1 per cent. (representing the difference between 4 per cent. rental under lease in perpetuity and 5 per cent. under other tenures), with compound interest on 1 per cent. from day of selection. On this momentous issue the Government gives the House absolutely no lead. It will be at once obvious that the outcome of the coming discussion must have an influence of considerable magnitude on the finances of the country, for if there is a widespread desire for the freehold, and settlers are given the option of converting their tenures, large sums of money may soon be poured into the public coffers. The leader of the Opposition says it is evident that the Premier's motion is intended to shelve the whole question, just as the Land Commission was intended to shelve it last session. "So far as I am concerned," says Mr. Massey, "if my constituents send me back to Parliament, I am going to see this thing through, and I am not going to be satisfied until everyone holding Crown land under lease in perpetuity has the option of the freehold. There is my policy in a very few words. Where is the Premier's?"

In addition to the three principal tenures under which Crown lands may be acquired under the Act of 1892, several minor systems have been established since, such as special settlement associations, improved farm settlements, village settlements, grazing and pastoral runs, etc. Broadly, however, the three tenures described govern the whole.

The following table, besides being of general interest, serves to show the extent of the transactions of the department, and the importance to the whole country of the change of policy which is apparently coming:—

SUMMARY OF LANDS SELECTED.
(March 31, 1905.)

Year.	Number of Selectors or Purchasers	Area taken up during Year.	Total Revenue Collected.	Number of Leasehold Tenants on the Books.
		Acres.	£	
1891-92	2,519	1,458,062	334,470	12,735
1892-93	3,071	1,668,339	310,523	14,261
1893-94	2,876	1,398,918	347,348	15,081
1894-95	2,547	1,015,577	275,879	15,836
1895-96	2,865	2,062,344	345,331	15,683
1896-97	2,173	1,600,695	360,998	15,827
1897-98	2,068	2,451,062	359,086	16,365
1898-99	2,542	1,357,466	385,148	16,872
1899-1900	2,310	1,578,823	392,948	17,191
1900-1	2,312	1,667,744	421,839	18,050
1901-2	2,150	1,094,086	427,138	18,521
1902-3	2,247	1,560,667	448,380	19,804
1903-4	2,813	1,694,946	497,211	21,101
1904-5	2,264	980,215	509,975	22,186

It will be seen that the State has now over twenty-two thousand tenants. The fact that a general election is near gives special interest to the coming debate, for nearly every one of those twenty-two thousand tenants is a politician, and every one is an elector. The opinion is held in some circles that the Premier—of whose astuteness there is no doubt—has cut the ground from under the feet of the Opposition, because whatever the decision of Parliament, Mr. Seddon will be able to say that he has not attempted to interfere with the will of the people. On the other hand, Opposition newspapers, with some show of reason, point with emphasis to the strange spectacle of a strong man willing to be led and a Ministry with a record of nearly fifteen years' office, and a tremendous majority behind it, looking for a policy!

ALLEGED CORRUPTION IN NEW ZEALAND.

CURIOUS CONFLICT OF TESTIMONY.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The Auditor-General has reported to the House of Representatives that as the result of his inquiry he found that during the whole period of Captain Seddon's employment in the Public Service no voucher was ever issued for payment to him for reorganisation of the defence stores, that no such voucher exists, and that no such payment was ever made.

Mr. Taylor has given notice of his intention to move for a public inquiry into the charges made by the new Liberal party in connection with the alleged Seddon voucher.

The evidence given before the Auditor-General regarding the alleged improper payment to Captain Seddon shows a curious conflict. Three clerks in the Christchurch Post Office deliberately and steadfastly swore to having seen a voucher for a sum exceeding £70 in favour of R. J. S. Seddon. Further, they discussed the matter among themselves. One even mentioned it to his wife. Another clerk in the same office also recollected having seen the voucher receipted, but did not recollect how it was charged. The other three were perfectly certain that it was for reorganising the defence stores at Wellington.

All the official evidence was against this view of the case, and was to the effect that no such payment has ever been made. If it had been some record must exist. A search had disclosed the fact that no such record existed, while Captain Seddon himself distinctly declared that he never received such a payment, and the Defence storekeeper swore that no reorganisation of the Defence stores had taken place since March 31, 1903. Captain Seddon did not perform such a service.

One of the witnesses who had made the allegation against Captain Seddon gave further evidence. He had searched for the voucher, but had been unable to find it in the book. However, there were several mistakes in the book, and he doubted its accuracy. Still, he swore he saw the voucher, and declared there were grave defects in the books, both in the Christchurch office and the Treasury. He was convinced there had been trickery with the voucher, or that there was some way in which the Audit Office could be evaded.

The affair has caused a great deal of excitement. The debate on the subject when the evidence is printed is looked forward to with the greatest interest.

ALBATROSSES IN THE HARBOUR.

A flock of gulls were darting and pecking at something in the water. As the boat drew nearer they flew away, shrieking angrily, and the object of their attacks was plainly visible. It was an albatross.

Right up at the mouth of the quay, in the track of the passing ferries, sitting with graceful unconcern upon the water, was the bird that is always associated with all that is wild and free. It was the smaller species certainly, as disclosed by its long black wings and the line of black across its back, as it clumsily rose from the wave and floated across our bows. Still, it was none the less an albatross, and as unexpected at the entrance to the quay as a kangaroo in George-street.

"Some stray bird more venturesome than his brothers," I thought, for Mr. North, in his list of the birds of the County of Cumberland, only mentions this bird as being seen off the coast.

But the next day I saw him again, and also two more of the same kind. They were circling round the men-of-war in Farm Cove, stooping every now and then to feed from some floating rubbish. Wherever they went there was an outcry amongst the gulls, who plainly resented this encroachment on their preserves, and at times they would fly in mobs and attack the intruders. But the albatrosses seemed to heed it not at all. Whether they dived each time to avoid the gulls' attacks I could not see, but they made no effort to return the treatment of the smaller birds, and finally, apparently in disgust at the futility of their efforts, the gulls would fly away. And the albatrosses are still in the bay, although it is over a week since I first saw them.

It is not the first time I have noticed deep-sea birds within the harbour. During last summer, coming over from Manly, I used to see lots of strange dark birds, flying low on the water, with a quick quiver of the wings. They looked very like petrels, though I could never get near enough to see plainly, for they were shyer than the albatrosses, and always kept well away from the passing boats. For several months they were there every day, but as the cold weather approached they departed to warmer climes, no doubt.

Sometimes, not often, a gannet is to be seen, but he generally keeps quite near to the Heads, and does not venture up the bays. He is easily distinguished from the albatross by his manner of diving. He flies high, and when he sights his prey folds his wings and drops like a stone into the water, generally coming to the surface again with a fish in his beak.

Another bird that dives in a like fashion is the tern; but he is a regular frequenter of the harbour. He is about the same size as a gull, but is easily recognised by his long, pointed wings and tail, and the manner in which he hunches his head between his shoulders in flight. He is even more graceful than the gull, and is known as the "sea swallow." Several varieties are often found within the harbour, but the black-capped one is most common. Unlike the gull, the tern is a solitary bird, but at times, when there is a shoal of fish about, a dozen or more will be seen together, diving in after their dinners. One afternoon I watched about 30 of these birds fishing in this manner just off the Manly wharf. They would fly round and round, evidently searching the waters the whole time with their long-sighted eyes, then suddenly they would drop down with a splash straight into the sea, and in a second rise again with a fish. When the fish are not plentiful the others will often attack the successful one until he drops his prey, but on this occasion there were more than enough to go round, so the birds were on peaceful terms with each other.

But all these smaller birds, although seen inside, are never found very far from the Heads; and yet the albatross, bird of the open ocean, has come right up to the city's feet. Very out of place do these deep-sea birds look in the calm waters of the harbour, and surely it must be just the silly ones of their kind that come so close to the haunts of man. It is natural for the gulls to fly about the sheltered bays and coves, for they feed on the refuse of the water, and on the crustaceans which they can find in the sand and mud at low tide. But these ocean birds live on fish and seaweed, and need not come into the polluted waters of the bays for food.

And still they do come. The whole wide sea is theirs; they are free to "sail and sail and sail" till the land is a low line behind them, or utterly lost in the sea; they can feel the swish of the salt sea wind and the splash of the salt sea wave; all the breadth and blueness of the ocean is theirs for the taking; and yet they linger round the waters of the harbour day after day, while the human eyes that watch them as they pass are filled with envy of their freedom.

A. E. M.

DEFENCE ESTIMATES.

LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURE.

EXPECTED DISBURSEMENTS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council has laid on the table of the House of Representatives a statement of the Defence Estimates of the current year, together with a short statement of how the funds provided by Parliament last year were disbursed, and the strength of our defence forces. For the financial year 1904, appropriation for the Defence Department amounted to £592,127. The expenditure was £558,503, showing a saving of £33,624. A saving of £30,000 was anticipated on the defence vote, as well as £14,000 on the vote for additional new works and buildings under the control of the Department for Home Affairs, and this total saving of £44,000 was, by permission of the Treasurer, utilised to purchase special defence material, making the expenditure on that vote £174,000.

The Estimates for 1905-6 amount to £591,431, being a decrease of £696 on the estimates of the previous year. This decrease is under the following headings:—

Central administration	£1126
Military forces	1911
Total	£3045
Against this there is to be set-off:—	
Gratuities	£1450
Naval forces	899
Total	£2349

The net decrease is, therefore, £696.

As regards the decrease in the central administration, it is explained that the new system of administration and control providing for naval and military boards came into operation on the 12th January last, and practically amalgamated the civil and military branches of the defence administration. There is a decrease on the estimates for the past year for pay of £14, but the actual decrease is £552, as provision was made on last year's estimates for only half a year's pay for the General Officer Commanding and his secretary, and provision will be made on the supplementary estimates for the pay of the Inspector-General and his staff from the 1st January, 1905. There is a decrease of £613 under contingencies, and £150 under postages and telegrams. No expenditure was incurred in connection with the £500 voted last year for the board of advice and special committees. Provision of £650 is made for officers sent abroad for instruction and attending the Naval College.

As regards increase in gratuities, it is explained that gratuities equal to one year's pay are provided for Colonel Price and Lieutenant-Colonel Bayley, who have been retired. The increase of £899 for the naval forces is explained by saying that, as was done last year, provision is again made for £1000 for the continuous training of the New South Wales naval forces in the gunboat Protector. Last year's training, it is remarked, was highly successful.

In explanation of the increases and decreases in the military forces and central administration, the following table is given:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£
Central administration	—	14
Accounts and Pay branch	—	178
Permanent Forces, including instructional staff	3,543	—
Militia Forces	—	3,557
Volunteers	—	2,502
Cadets	7,170	—
Rifle Clubs	—	986
Camps and schools of instruction	3,340	—
Maintenance of existing arms and equipment	3,866	—
Artillery ammunition	—	8,514
Small arms ammunition	6,410	—
Warlike stores	—	9,470
General contingencies	—	1,706
General services	—	1,199
Postage and telegrams	—	600
Railway and steamer fares and freight	420	—
Totals	24,751	27,796
Net decrease		3,045

The permanent forces, including the instructional staff, shows an increase of £3543, and is accounted for under the following headings:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£
Headquarters and District staffs..	179	—
Royal Australian Artillery	13	—
Australian Engineers	1,261	—
Australian Army Service Corps ..	—	145
Australian Army Medical Corps ..	—	131
Ordnance Department	1,254	—
Rifle Range staff	62	—
Instructional staff	949	—
Total	3,819	276
Net increase	3,543	

It is explained that the increase under the "Headquarters and District staffs" is to provide for increments to officers and military clerks. The increase of £1262 to the engineers is accounted for by the enrolment of an additional 18 men to the force—eight in New South Wales and ten in Victoria. This addition is necessary to maintain the mines, etc., in an efficient condition. An increase of £949 for the instructional staff is shown to be necessary, because provision is made for eight additional members, one of whom is to be allotted to New South Wales. In the militia forces the decrease of £2557 is explained by saying that the deduction of £27,162 has been made from militia pay, as it is estimated that it will be unearned during the current financial year. There is an actual increase of 949 in the personnel of the forces, and 191 of these are in New South Wales. The increased personnel provided for various corps throughout the Commonwealth is as follows: Australian Light Horse, 226; artillery, 143; engineers, 55; infantry, 702; army service corps, 44; corps of signallers, 284; army medical corps, 127,949.

In the volunteer forces an increase of 313 in the personnel is provided for, but the amount for contingencies has been reduced to the actual estimated requirements. For the year there is an estimated increase of £7170 for cadets, and provision is made in this sum not only for the present cadet force, but also for the formation of new corps under the proposed cadet system. Short explanations are also given respecting other sources of expenditure.

The total estimated expenditure in the several States for the naval and military forces is as follows:—

In 1904-5 the expenditure in New South Wales on the naval forces was £1515, on the military £171,504, or a total of £173,019. For the current year it is to be: "Naval £5470, military £169,736; total, £175,206. The number of men in the forces is shown in the following table:—

MILITARY.

	Perm.	Militia.	Volunteers.	Total.
N. S. Wales	507	5157	2490	8154
Victoria	403	5039	1048	6490
Queensland	265	2905	151	3321
South Australia ..	58	1366	647	2071
Western Australia ..	65	1033	731	1829
Tasmania	42	1040	783	1865
Totals	1340	16,430	5850	23,730

NAVAL.

	Permanent.	Militia.	Cost.
N. S. Wales	3	299	£5,470
Victoria	108	255	£20,840
Queensland	42	352	£14,050
South Australia	22	119	£6,367
Western Australia	—	26	£182
Tasmania	—	13	£91
Totals	175	1104	£47,009

DAIRY INDUSTRY.

The Parliamentary Select Committee which is inquiring into the dairy industry sat again yesterday.

Daniel Garrad, commercial broker, who had a large experience in dairying, and was a large buyer of butter, said he was opposed to Government grading. If he got Government graded butter, he would grade it. Bad salt or salt kept in a bad condition was the main cause of fishiness in butter. Any superiority New Zealand butter had over New South Wales was due to the separation of milk at the creameries, and the manipulation of the cream afterwards in the refrigerating room. He did not think climate had anything to do with the superiority. Salt should be kiln dried and kept in a proper place. Cream should be sent every day to the factories. He had not seen any delays of late in shipping butter. The factories should grade the cream. He graded the butter he purchased. He had got ungraded butter from Queensland which was better than some which had been graded in that State. If he purchased butter for London he would grade it. He weighed about six boxes in a hundred.

The inquiry was adjourned until the following day.

SALE OF WORK.

The Parish Hall of St. Peters presented an attractive appearance yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the opening of a sale of work for the purpose of assisting the church funds and a fund established for the purpose of building a new rectory. The opening ceremony was performed by Lady Darley, who was accompanied by Captain Wilson. The interior of the hall was decorated. The various stalls were prettily arranged, and many of the ladies wore Japanese and other costumes. The rector of the parish, the Rev. G. Middleton, presided. Lady Darley congratulated the parishioners on the success of the undertaking, and expressed a hope that the objects in view would be fully realised. The sale of work remained open in the evening, and a musical programme was carried out, also a series of competitions.

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BIRTHS.

LINDSAY.—July 30, at her residence, 78 Styles-street, Leichhardt, the wife of W. C. Lindsay, of a daughter.

ROUSE.—August 22, at Lorne, Darling Point, Sydney, the wife of Leslie G. Rouse—a son.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

LUKER—HAYMAN.—August 31, 1881, at St. Philip's C. E. Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Canon T. O'Rielly, Alfred (Fred), third son of George Luker, of Surry Hills, to Elizabeth Bertha, eldest daughter of Geo. Hayman, of Paddington. Present address, George-street, Manly.

RICKETTS—WILLIAMS.—August 31, 1880, at Holy Trinity Church, Miller's Point, Sydney, by the Rev. Mr. Rogers, Richard Ricketts to Jessie Annie Williams, of Kent-street, Miller's Point. Present address, Highgate-street, Bexley.

DEATHS.

CASEY.—August 30, 1905, John Vincent Casey, of Colonbiere, Woodward-avenue, Strathfield, in his 44th year. By request, no flowers.

DAVEY.—August 30, at her residence, Canterbury-road, Belmore, Jane Stevens, relict of the late W. E. Davey (formerly of St. Leonards), aged 78 years. Interment at Belmore Cemetery, 1.30 p.m., Thursday.

DUNCAN.—August 29, at St. George Cottage Hospital, Kogarah, Sophie, dearly loved wife of Fleming Miller Duncan, of Wold's-avenue, Hurstville, aged 34 years. South African papers please copy.

FRASER.—August 25, at her residence, Nairn-street, Wellington, N.Z., Helen, beloved mother of A. J. Fraser, Lindfield.

GEORGE.—August 30, at Broughton-street, Milson's Point, James Craig, fourth son of the late Hugh George, in his 53rd year.

HADDEN.—August 30, at Enmore, Elizabeth, the dearly loved wife of Richard Hadden, aged 52 years.

HAMPTON.—August 27, 1905, at the residence of her son-in-law, at Hampton Villa, Nowra, beloved mother of Mrs. D. Pairman, aged 65 years and 10 months.

HOWELL.—August 30, at 25 Jersey-road, Woollahra, Raymond Henry Howell (late of Birmingham, England), beloved husband of Eliza Augusta Howell and father of Ralph H. Howell, of Magney-street, Woollahra, aged 73 years.

HULL.—August 30, at Norfolk-road, Epping, John Hull, formerly of Queensland, and son of the late Canon Hull, Egglescliffe Rectory, England, aged 66.

JESSON.—August 29, suddenly, at a private hospital, Redfern, Charles Jesson, late of Redfern, aged 66 years.

KENDALL.—August 28, at Hinemoa, Clinton-street, Goulburn, Francis (Benny), dearly beloved infant son of Joseph and Margaret Kendall, aged 17 months. A little sufferer gone to rest.

KELLY.—August 30, Maria Kelly, beloved sister of Mrs. Daly, of 12 Stewart-street, Balmain, aged 74 years. R.I.P.

REES.—August 30, 1905, at his mother's residence, Coventry road Homebush, Frederick Charles Hind Rees, nephew of the late Oliver Hind, of Camden, aged 23 years.

SORRELL.—August 30, 1905, at his late residence, Glen Ayr, Salisbury-street, Stanmore, William Thomas Sorrell, late Railway Inspector, of Bourke, aged 49. Thy will be done.

VERCOE.—August 29, at her residence, 4 Gerrard-street, Alexandria, Catherine, relict of the late John Joseph Vercoe, in her 71st year. R.I.P.

WILTON.—August 18, at Fremantle, W.A., on his way to Sydney, from Laverton, W.A., Samuel John Wilton. Deeply regretted.

IN MEMORIAM.

BEVAN.—A tribute of love to the memory of our darling daughter and mother, Mary Evelyn, who passed away to be with Jesus, August 31, 1903. Always remembered. Inserted by her loving parents and children.

BEVAN.—In loving and everlasting memory of our dear sister, Mary Evelyn, who departed this life August 31, 1903. None can tell how we miss her. Inserted by her loving brother and sister, Frank and Nevdah Fidden.

COUNSELL.—In fond remembrance of my affectionate wife, Mary, who departed this life at her late residence, Leytonville, Lewisham, August 31, 1903, age 42 years.
As true a heart as ever loved has passed away from earth;
But memory dwells within the hearts of those that knew her worth.
Inserted by her loving husband, Chas. Wm. Counsell. English and Queensland papers please copy.

COUNSELL.—In fond and ever loving memory of our darling mama, Mary M., who departed this life at her late residence, Leytonville, Lewisham, August 31, 1903, age 42 years.
Your smiles we call to memory; your voice we long to hear;
Oh, Mama, oft we think of thee, for thou to all were dear,
There is no one in this wide world can fill our Mama's place.
Inserted by her sorrowing children. English and Queensland papers please to copy.

COUNSELL.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dear mother, who departed this life on 31st August, 1903, aged 42 years. Like the ivy clings to oak, so my memory shall cling to thee.

CREGAN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear father, John Cregan, who departed this life August 31, 1904. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, James and A. C. Cregan. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

CREGAN.—In loving memory of my dear father, John Cregan, who died August 31, 1904. R.I.P. Inserted by his loving daughter, K. Beaver.

DAY.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Jane, who died August 31, 1902. Not forgotten. Inserted by loving husband, Robert Day, and children, Annie, Emmie, Eliza.

DAY.—In loving memory of my dear daughter, Jane, who died August 31, 1902. At rest. Inserted by her loving mother, Mrs. J. Wright, Lakesland, Thirlmere.

HOLLIDAY.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Charlotte Holliday, who departed this life September 1, 1900, aged 82 years. Dead but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Samuel Heyden.

MOORE.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William Henry Moore, who died August 31, 1904. Inserted by his loving wife, Emma Moore.

PEACHEY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, Robert, who departed this life on August 31, 1903, aged 18 years.
Fond thoughts, they linger round our hearts,
And tears, they often flow;
And to the place where you are laid
Our footsteps often go.
Inserted by his loving parents, M. and J. Peachey.

PEACHEY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brother, Robert, who departed this life on August 31, 1903, aged 18 years.
Our thoughts often linger
Where they seldom are seen.
Inserted by his loving brothers and sisters, William, Rose, Fred, Charles, Joseph, and Ruth Peachey.

PEACHEY.—In affectionate remembrance of our dear grandson and nephew, Robert, who died August 31, 1903. Eternal rest give unto him, oh Lord. Inserted by his loving grandparents and aunties, E. and N. Cox, and friend C. Austin.

RALPH.—In sad and loving remembrance of our darling only daughter, Martha, who died on August 31, 1903.
Seven years have passed away; your face still beams
In all our thoughts and nightly dreams.
Forget you, no, we never will;
We loved you here, we love you still.
Inserted by mother, father, and brothers.

RUTTER.—In sad but ever loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Jane, who departed this life at her late residence, Webb-street, Croydon, on August 31, 1903.
We saw her suffering day by day,
It caused us bitter grief
To see her slowly pine away,
And could not give relief.
As the ivy clings to the oak,
So our memory always clings to thee.
Inserted by her lonely and sorrowful husband, Charles and children, of Cataract.

SCOTT.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Emily Scott, who died August 31, 1903. Inserted by her loving husband, W. F. Scott, and children.

SEATON.—In ever-loving memory of our darling daughter, Connie, who fell asleep at Roma, Queensland, August 31, 1904, aged 23 years. Inserted by her loving parents.

SEATON.—In ever-loving memory of our darling sister, Connie, who fell asleep at Roma, Queensland, August 31, 1904, aged 23 years. Inserted by her loving brothers and sisters.

SEATON.—In sad but loving memory of my little friend Connie, who died August 31st, 1904. Inserted by her sorrowing friend, Gus Cranney.

TOOHEY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Michael Toohey, who died at his late residence, Norfolk Pine Hotel, Mullens-street, Balmain, August 31, 1904, aged 33 years. Inserted by his loving wife and children. R.I.P.

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LIABILITIES.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital .. 4,500,000; Less: Reserve Liability .. 3,000,000		
Paid up	1,500,000 0 0	
Reserve Fund—Invested in the names of Trustees — as per Contra .... 1,000,000; Not specifically invested .. 55,000	1,055,000 0 0	
Balance of Undivided Profits	102,508 9 0	
		2,657,508 9 0
Circulation	456,740 0 0	
Deposits (including Inscribed Stock Deposits)	16,869,958 1 3	
Bills payable and other liabilities (including Reserves held against Doubtful Debts)	1,851,581 15 6	
		19,180,280 16 9
		£21,837,788 5 9

ASSETS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Specie on hand, and Cash Balances			2,706,463 15 6
Bullion and Advances on Bullion			270,971 7 0
Money at Call and Short Notice in London			1,365,000 0 0
Investments:— Reserve Fund:—			
Consols	650,000 0 0		
Local Loans (Imperial Government Stock) ..	200,000 0 0		
National War Loan	150,000 0 0		
		1,000,000 0 0	
Other Investments:— Consols, and other Stocks of, or guaranteed by, the Imperial Government	201,749 3 6		
India Government Sterling Stocks	246,580 0 0		
Colonial Government and Municipal Stocks and Debentures	135,693 13 2		
		584,022 16 8	
			1,584,022 16 8
Balance of Remittances and Drafts in transitu and Bills receivable at London Office			3,186,195 4 8
			9,204,652 3 10
Bills Discounted, Loans, and other Securities at the branches and in London			11,957,229 8 7
Bank premises and property in the Colonies	502,538 9 4		
Less: Appropriation from profits	10,000 0 0		
			492,538 9 4
London Leasehold Premises ..	142,304 19 4		
Reserves against same and accrued Interest	18,948 10 4		
			123,356 9 0
			£21,837,788 5 9

STATEMENT OF PROFITS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance of Undivided Profits on 31st August, 1904				102,134 18 2
Less: Dividend—January, 1905				75,000 0 0
Leaving a Balance of				27,134 18 2
Profits of the past Half-year, after making provision in respect of Bad and Doubtful Debts		£236,286 17 8		
Less:				
Remuneration to the Local Directors—and Salaries and Allowances to the Colonial Staff	81,538 16 10			
General expenses in the Colonies,—including Rent, Taxes, Stationery, etc.	29,326 19 5			
Remuneration to the Board of Directors and Auditors, Salaries of London Office Staff, Rent, Taxes, Stationery, and General Expenses	16,997 10 2			
Income Tax	4,050 0 0			
		131,913 6 5		
			104,373 10 10	
				131,508 9 0
Deduct:				
Appropriation in aid of Bank's Guarantee and Provident Funds		£4,000 0 0		
Appropriation to write down Bank Premises and Property in the Colonies		10,000 0 0		
Transfer to Reserve Fund		15,000 0 0		
				29,000 0 0
Balance of Undivided Profits at this date				£102,508 9 0

London, 12th July, 1905.

ARTHUR FLOWER, W. R. PERCEVAL, W. R. MEWBURN, H. P. STURGIS, } Directors.
A. C. WILLIS, Manager.
C. M. C. SHANNON, Accountant.

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In accordance with the provisions of "The Companies Act, 1900," we certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with.

We report that we have verified the Cash, Investments, Bills of Exchange, and other Assets in London, and have had access to the Accounts sent to London from the various Branches in the Colonies, and having examined the same, and the Books and Accounts of the London Office, we are of opinion that the above Balance-sheet is a full and fair Balance-sheet, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs as shown by the Books of the Company.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1905.

THE DECLARATION OF PEACE.

We are able to announce this morning on official authority that terms of peace have been arranged by the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan in conference at Portsmouth, in the United States. The little New Hampshire town will have made itself a name in history by this memorable event, which brings to a close one of the most disastrous and sensational wars on record. During one year and seven months the world has followed with absorbed interest the progress of this extraordinary trial of strength between a great European military Power like Russia and the new Asiatic factor which had claimed a voice in the adjustment of the world's affairs. What occurred in the meantime is summarised elsewhere in this issue. The steps by which the peace negotiations have been led up to the present happy consummation are familiar. To-day the general interest focusses itself on the ultimate terms. Up to the last, according to the cabled statement of M. Witte as we give it this morning, it was more than doubtful if the conference would not break off without arriving at a definite conclusion, and the most that could be hoped for by the friends of peace was that the way might be prepared for a second and more fruitful negotiation. While the issue hung in the balance the prospect of further slaughter as a consequence of the impending battle between the massed forces of Linevitch and Oyama in Manchuria threatened almost from hour to hour, and in the meantime the internal condition of Russia was daily becoming more desperate. But from the first, notwithstanding the imperturbable attitude of the Japanese representatives, there were indications that Japan was not disposed to press her advantage unduly. The fortune of war had placed her in a position in which she could afford to be generous. One by one the subjects in dispute were discussed, and the parties met each other in regard to Manchuria and its railway, the lease of Korea, and no doubt the possession of Port Arthur. The points originally in dispute between the two belligerents were covered without much apparent trouble, and a condition of acute friction only began to declare itself when the surrender of Saghalien territory and the payment of an indemnity were mentioned. At that critical point the negotiations stood for a time.

Our cables light up in flashes the concluding stages of these momentous negotiations. They show that Japan has learnt the last lesson of civilisation—generosity to a vanquished foe. There is little room for doubt, though the information to hand does not specifically confirm this, that the special difficulties of a European Power dealing with an Asiatic victor have been forcibly represented at Tokio. We are prepared to believe that both Great Britain, which had a right to be heard as Japan's ally, and the United States, which stood as umpire in the later stages of this dispute, would fully and fairly represent this aspect of the case. Had the peace negotiations been settled on the simple Bismarckian principle of the spoils to the victors it is easy enough to see that the terms of adjustment would not have been so liberal. Other motives must have intervened, and by this time the world knows very well that neither Russia nor Japan could afford to continue this disastrous and costly war much longer. The victories of Japan have been bought at a ruinous price. She has drained herself of blood and treasure which she can ill afford. In defeating Russia in Manchuria her rulers must have realised, and especially the sagacious Ito, that she is merely pricking the hide of the pachyderm. But in the effort to do that she was impoverishing herself. She was becoming the debtor of the Western nations, and even her overcrowded population cannot long sustain the drain on her national virility which a destructive war and her own soldiers' animating spirit of heroism and personal sacrifice impose. The Napoleonic wars have taught the world an unforgettable lesson in that respect. The case of Russia all the world knows. From her centre to her remotest provinces she is torn by disaffection, reaching to a point of intensity which those who profess to know most about her domestic conditions do not hesitate to describe as revolution. With her fleet in a state of mutiny, her home troops discontented, and her populace in a state of eruption, she needs the concentration of all her forces to stave off the climax of constitutionalism or of national disaster.

These considerations on both sides have led up to the conclusion of peace, but European public opinion had other interests. Whatever the more remote results of the recent trial of strength between East and West may be, and it is not our purpose to speculate on them here, we cannot afford to overlook their enormous influence on the progress of events and even on the balance of power in Europe. Less than two years ago, with the Franco-Russian balancing the Triple Alliance, Europe was in a state of equipoise, and Great Britain stood self-contained outside the Continental system. To-day all that is changed. Russia's defeat made way for German aggression, of which Morocco formed the pretext, and France furnished the victim. What might have happened had it not been for the strong support of England it is difficult now to say, but we know that matters had at one time approached almost the point of crisis. The Austrian Emperor was even mentioned, and looked to as the peace-factor of Europe. But the crisis passed, largely because of the attitude of Great Britain under the pacific influence of Edward VII. Recent naval demonstrations of a most significant character not only went far to readjust the international perspective, but also, we may believe, to prepare the way for peace. France, we learn this morning, did good service in the negotiations; and in view of the great stake, both national and financial, which she has in Russia's recovery, that is easy enough to believe. The Czar's obstinate stand over the indemnity question constituted an obstacle that could only have been overcome by the utmost liberality on Japan's part, resulting from the most urgent representations from her ally and other Powers. One thing at least is certain. The rejoicing reported from St. Petersburg will be echoed as sincerely, if not so demonstratively, from more than one European Council of State, in the assurance that the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan will mean the clearing up of many international difficulties at present and in prospect. For the moment the world's interest will be divided between two problems, the effect of the conclusion of peace on European relations in the immediate present, and on the relations of the East with the West in the more or less remote future. The second problem is brought appreciably nearer to us by the end of the war, with Japan as an acknowledged victor over one of the Great Powers of Europe. As the war and its tragic memories recede from view this question will come more and more insistently to the front; and when the cleverness of M. Witte and the collapse of Baron Komura are forgotten, and when the war of the last nineteen months has passed into history, it is not unlikely that the radical race-difficulty which the results of the epic conflict between Russia and Japan have laid bare will still actively engage the anxious attention of those who shall come after us.

A CAMPAIGN OF CALUMNY.

Persons who, in some shape or other, have reason to beweep their outcast state are usually under the impression that the origin of all their troubles is to be found in some malign conspiracy against them. To the onlooker, however, it is generally pretty clear that the victim is his own misfortune. Mr. Deakin, a man of many troubles, would appear to be on the point of yielding to this well-known idiosyncrasy of the luckless. Asked by Mr. Higgins to note the "systematic attempts which were being made by the London press to disparage Australian legislation," the Prime Minister could explain the facts only on the assumption of a "campaign of calumny" entered into by some person or persons unknown. But still more grievous was the sin of those who, having "done well" out of the country, have nothing good to say about it. About the facts there is unfortunately not much room to dispute. Our reputation abroad is plainly not what we should like it to be, and we are bound to suffer, directly and indirectly, for not having produced a better impression. It would be very pleasant and profitable if others saw us as a land flowing with milk and honey, where politicians were invariably the true saviours of their country. If the skilled artisan, not under contract, could feel an assurance that we should welcome him with work and wages; if the settler believed we were waiting to display to him a rich choice of fertile lands; if the capitalist was convinced that here was a fair field for industry and intelligence, then our title of Australia Felix would be very well established. However, not even the best-informed people are at all inclined to mistake us for a Mark Tapley Eden; indeed, it would seem that our candid friends are in a case to be worse enemies than our quite ignorant detractors. We cannot afford to shut our eyes to this state of things; but we shall be very blind if we take refuge in a phrase that has nothing but its alliteration to recommend it, and satisfy ourselves that others see us so badly because they are perverse and bad themselves.

From any point of view, a good reputation is a safe investment. We could not afford to forget that even if we had nothing to conceal. But the fact is that Australian resources, great as they are, and indefinitely capable of extension, require setting in a proper light. Moreover, they will not exploit themselves, and it is only too clear how readily our industries may be crippled by ill-judged legislation. Luckily, legislation is seldom quite so bad in practice as it looks on paper. But this is the precise point that touches our reputation with those who know us at second-hand. Mr. Deakin might be shocked to know that we have been described as a people bound hand and foot, a prey to politicians. But though that in a way is misrepresentation also, it reminds us of the legislative career of the Commonwealth, and what a sorry career that has been. It is only part of the irony of the situation that of the many foolish, and worse than foolish, things that have been done in our debauch of party politics those that have actually hurt us least have most readily lent themselves to ridicule and ill-report. Our legislation, no doubt, is bad, but not so bad as it looks. Unfortunately, many people judge by looks. And, of course, Australia suffers. It is not easy to suggest a remedy. We may employ Mr. Coghlan as a calumny hunter. We might do much more than we attempt to do to advertise fairly our genuine advantages and our too obscure virtues. It is easy to forget that the Commonwealth after all does not bulk very largely in the eyes of the world; that even the English-speaking world is generally content with a scrappy, haphazard knowledge of it. That will account for much misrepresentation without mysterious animus, and we could partly right it by seeing that accurate information was available. But all these are palliatives merely. There is a root remedy, but it is hard to apply. It means that the sane and sound majorities of electors should persistently assert their strength and make Parliament and the legislative fruits of Parliament, and the legislative fruits of the inconsequent muddle of the moment.

THE SHIRES BILL.

The Legislative Assembly spent valuable time last night in debating the motion for the second reading of the Shires Bill and the amendment moved thereon. Various members tried to show that, though they were fervently in favour of the principle of local government, yet there was a something about the present measure which forced them to do violence to their inclinations and vote against the bill. To one hon. member the stumbling block was the commissioners, to another it was the amount of taxation involved, whilst a third could not vote for the bill because it contained a provision giving shire councils power to regulate the width of tyres. We heard much about the poor producer who had barely recovered from the effects of the drought, and who was now to be asked to pay for the advance of his district and the incidental improvement of his property, instead of this expense being borne by the whole country. The real reasons for the opposition to this, or any other scheme of local government, are well known to the public, and they were expressed last night with admirable candour by Mr. Fleming, a member who is new enough to political life to believe that men who clamoured for local government on the hustings should act up to their professions in Parliament. The passing of such a measure as that now before the House would, he said, mean the depriving of members of the opportunities they now enjoy, in their capacity of roads and bridges purveyors, of influencing votes in their constituencies. It would do more, because it would bring into prominence as shire councillors men who would possibly become their rivals for Parliamentary honours.

There is no doubt that objections may reasonably be taken to details of the Government's scheme, but there are none strong enough to justify the Assembly in opposing or delaying the second reading of the bill. As has been pointed out more than once, the majority of members is pledged to support some such proposal, and nothing has occurred in the twelve months since members were returned on this pledge to render the obligation nugatory. We were nearer the bad years of the drought then, but that did not prevent the people from declaring for the principle of local government, though of course they knew that it involved local taxation as well as local management of local affairs. The details criticised by certain hon. members are not integral parts of the bill. These should be discussed, and, where the objection is found to be reasonable, they should be removed from the bill. But the proper time for this is when the House goes into committee to consider the bill. What the second reading means is merely a declaration in favour of the broad principle, and, as members are almost to a man pledged in this direction, the House might long ago have left off talking and got to business. It is absurd to expect a perfect measure on a matter of such grave and complicated moment to spring complete in every detail from the brain of any Minister. What is expected of members is that they shall take the measure submitted to them, and devote their united intelligence to its improvement in the fulfilment of the promise they made their constituents.

THE LOCOMOTIVES STILL.

The further correspondence which we publish this morning is calculated to furnish some excuse for the delay which has marked the Government's proceedings in regard to the local construction of the locomotives required for the service of the railways. The Premier was naturally anxious to secure the expert advice of the officers who are responsible for the management of the railways of the State, and if he could have obtained a unanimous opinion one way or the other from these gentlemen he might have been fortified in the attitude he assumed in the matter. Unfortunately he was disappointed in his hope of receiving a unanimous opinion from the Commissioners in favour of the construction of the locomotives in the Government workshops, or against this proposal. Just as the Premier was undoubtedly justified in calling upon the Commissioners for their opinion, so the Commissioners in their turn are justified—are indeed required—to say exactly what they think. It should not be matter for surprise that a difference of opinion should make itself apparent, and that, whilst two of the Commissioners are distinctly opposed for grave and weighty reasons to the construction of the locomotives at the Government workshops, the Chief Commissioner is as strongly in favour of this proposal. We believe that Mr. Oliver is wrong and that his colleagues are right; but we also believe that the Chief Commissioner is acting throughout in what he regards as the public interest: just as his colleagues are acting.

With two of the three Commissioners on one side and the third on the other, what is the Premier to assume to be the guidance of his expert advisers in railway matters? Clearly he must take the majority report, especially as there is nothing to show that the work in question could be done better and more cheaply at Eveleigh than in private workshops. The evidence indeed is altogether to the contrary. The statement is still uncontradicted that the construction of the locomotives in the Government workshops would necessitate the outlay of a large sum of money—the Chief Commissioner estimated it a year ago at £100,000—before the work was begun. Even then, there is no warrant for assuming that the construction would cost less than the sum estimated by the Chief Mechanical Engineer—the sum at which the Clyde Engineering works have tendered. We need not press the advantages which would be derived from the construction of the locomotives by private enterprise. If this particular contract is given to the Clyde Engineering Company, the State is affording employment to a number of men, and it is giving a lift to an important industry. Supposing that the company finds that its estimate was too low to cover expenses and secure a profit, what then? That is the company's business—the State has nothing to do with it. The position would be different if the railway workshops were concerned. The State can insist upon the full discharge of a contract entered into by a private firm, but it would be ludicrous for the State to take a similar attitude with regard to a contract entered into by the Railway Department. The Fitzroy Dock disclosures should satisfy us on the point of Government contracts given to Government departments. So far the evidence is emphatically in favour of the construction of the locomotives by private enterprise. Is it not time for the Government to cease taking evidence, and to proceed to action?

The Government and its Critics.—The Premier (Mr. J. H. Carruthers) appears to feel rather keenly the criticisms that he and his Government have been subjected to by the press. Speaking at a function at the Paddington Town Hall yesterday afternoon, he said that the newspapers did not at the present time represent public opinion to the extent of denouncing public men. The public were not with the newspapers to that extent. If they were, and if the criticisms in the press were true, then the Government should have gone long ago, in spite of the fact that it had carried out and was carrying out its reform platform pledges. They had gone into office with the support of a large majority of the people of this State, yet they had been compelled to fight against misrepresentation. Every movement the Government had taken up and every reform to help forward the true interests of the people had been retarded in every way by the very people who should have lent their assistance.

Advantages of Local Government.—The Premier, who was entertained by the Paddington Municipal Council yesterday afternoon, gave the ratepayers some information respecting the Local Government Bill at present before the House. He explained that the passage of the bill would lay the principles of true reform. There were a number of unemployed, some of whom the Government could assist, but there were others whom they could not help. For those men it would set machinery in motion, and he felt sure the ratepayers of Paddington would be willing to dip deeper in their pockets to carry out their own works. Then again, there were the mayors and aldermen, who gave their time and labour without any further reward than of faithfully discharging their duties. He hoped that by the passing of the local government measure they would be encouraged to go on with their work.

What will the Lands Commission Cost?—The mathematical seer who can foretell what the Lands Commission is going to cost the country has not yet been located. Not apparently that the cost is troubling any substantial section of the community; indeed, the commission has been generally accepted as essential at any price, and no doubt the good that it is potential for could not be assessed at a money value. But if there is not a general demand to know the cost, there is at least one inquisitive mind in Parliament, and to satisfy its desire for information on the money aspect the Minister for Lands last night gave Parliament a progress report of the fees paid to witnesses. It is not complete, as some witnesses have not yet drawn their fees. But payments have already been made to 70 witnesses, of an aggregate sum of £492 1s. The individual fees range up to £35 10s, which sum was drawn by Mr. District Surveyor C. Thurburn. Mr. Howard Speight, the representative of the Coonamble branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, has had £30 15s; Mr. T. M. Young got £24 18s, and Mr. R. S. Sims £22 9s. Amongst the smaller fees paid are sums of £1 each to Patrick and Edward Rea.

Wine Licenses.—A number of vignerons and several members of Parliament representing the wine-producing districts attended at the Treasury yesterday to interview the Premier. As many of the visitors had come from the country, and others had postponed business engagements, there were expressions of surprise at the Premier not being present. The deputation saw Messrs. W. T. Dick and J. N. Brunker, but decided to make their requests known to the head of the Ministry. As the industry was an important one, the vignerons stated that some consideration should be shown them. It was stated that the Premier was ill. The question was asked if he could not be communicated with by telephone, and a reply was given that that could not be done, as he was then en route from his home to the Treasury. After deliberating as to what should be done, the vignerons agreed to wait upon the Premier at noon to-day. The deputation will ask that a separate Australian Wine Licensing Act similar to the old Act, and distinct from any liquor Act, should be granted. Any grocer in town or country who paid a yearly rental of at least £50 for his premises should be entitled to receive a wine license, enabling him to sell over the counter Australian wine in quantities of not less than one bottle and not over two gallons. The wine is not to be consumed on the premises. The right of appeal against the refusal of a license by magistrates and monthly licenses are also desired.

Customs Administration.—The Collector of Customs takes exception to "Hopeful's" letter, headed "Shipping and Customs," drawing attention to certain alleged grievances, which appeared in yesterday's Herald." Inquiry has been made at the Custom-house, but nothing is known there about the troubles complained of. Mr. Lockyer points out that it is impossible to express an opinion of any complaint of so general a character, and if the writer will communicate with the department, and quote a specific instance, due investigation will be made as to its merits, and every effort taken to avoid its recurrence, if there is good cause for it. So far no complaints, verbal or otherwise, have reached the Collector in connection with the delay in reporting vessels, and, as a matter of fact, the course suggested by the writer of the letter in question, that manifests should be available before the vessels are reported, has been the practice whenever possible, and it was considered that in this respect every effort had been made to meet the requirements of the public.

Lands Commission.—Mr. H. L. Cathie, formerly a partner of Mr. W. N. Willis, who appeared before the Lands Commission yesterday at short notice, stated that the signatures "John Nicholls," "Thomas Ryan Scott," and "Michael O'Connor" were written by these people and witnessed by him before the documents were filled in. Mr. Hugh Strahorn, the transferee of these improvement leases, had also signed before his document was filled in, the particulars not being available at the time he signed. The witness said he subsequently filled in the transfers, by which Nicholls, Scott, and O'Connor had acknowledged having received sums of money. In answer to the counsel for the Crown, he stated that he was a member of the firm at the time he witnessed the signatures, and also when he filled in the documents. Facts of an exceptional nature were disclosed, as showing the expedition attached to ten applications by people (who had forfeited their annual leases) seeking improvement leases in the Bathurst and Orange districts, and Mr. Hanbury Davies said one advantage Mr. Willis had no doubt anticipated, in getting these leases through for his clients before the end of 1903, was that they should have the benefit of the reappraisement clause which came into operation on the beginning of 1904. Mr. Ashton, the present Minister, had, however, he understood, disallowed some applications for reappraisement. If so, the lessees had since had to pay a rent fixed by Mr. Crick at an advance of ½d and ¼d per acre upon the 1½d and 1¼d per acre per annum, as was recommended by the Land Board.

A New Mission Vessel.—The diocese of Carpentaria has purchased at Thursday Island the lugger Santa Cruz, 21 tons register, 50ft long and 13ft beam, for the purposes of a mission vessel, as a memorial of the late Archdeacon Pritt, whose widow, Mrs. Pritt, of Gairloch, has given £310 for the purchase and equipment of the boat. The Santa Cruz is a fine roomy vessel, strongly built, and in excellent order, and cost £600 three years ago. She will be used to convey stores to the newly-formed Mitchell River mission, to visit the pearling fleet, and for other diocesan purposes. The name will be changed to the Francis O. Pritt as soon as the necessary registration can be effected in London.

Kippax Lake.—The question of taking some definite action with regard to Kippax Lake, Moore Park, again came up for consideration at the health and bylaws committee meeting of the City Council. For some time there has been very little or no water in the lake, and its condition has been regarded as a possible menace to health. As an objection to the proposal to fill it up, it was pointed out that the residents for a considerable area were in the habit of exercising and washing their dogs in the lake, there being no other water available for that purpose within a considerable distance, as the water in Centennial Park was closed against dogs. A difficulty that presented itself was that in rainy weather the water, owing to the formation of the surrounding land, would accumulate, but it was pointed out that that obstacle could be removed by the construction of a drain. A resolution that the lake be filled up was carried.

A Midnight Gazette.—The evidence given before the Lands Commission yesterday disclosed that on the night of November 30, 1903, there was an unusual amount of activity both in the Lands Department and in the Government Printing Office. The Government Printer had been asked to publish a special "Gazette" on that day, and he only consented to do so on receipt of executive authority, because Monday was not the usual day for the publication of land matters. The reason for the special "Gazette" was that the department wanted to advertise a batch of improvement leases in the Bathurst district. Statements were made showing that the Minister had only approved of the conditions attached to the leases on the same day—November 30, but no minute of the Executive Council could be found approving of the conditions. A number of officers of the Lands Department started at 9.30 a.m. on November 30 to prepare the copy for the Government Printer, and several of them did not leave the Government Printing Office until 12.35 a.m. Direct evidence was given that the proofs were under revision at midnight on November 30, although the "Gazette" was dated the 30th. Mr. Willis was associated as agent with all the applications which were made subsequent to the "Gazette" notice.

A Small Verdict and Large Costs.—Mr. Justice Pring called attention—as reported in yesterday's "Herald"—to the "startling" fact that although in a short District Court action a plaintiff was awarded £5 and £5 1s for costs, still the defendants received a bill from their solicitors for over £64. His Honor added that he was sorry some explanation was not given as to how such a bill came to be sent in. Inquiries show that the District Court has no power at all over an attorney and client's bill of costs, even although the bill be solely in respect of work done in the District Court. Attorney and client's costs, it seems, can only be taxed by a taxing officer of the Supreme Court. When the Attorney-General introduced his District Courts (Amendment) Bill in the Legislative Assembly, clause 60, which was taken from the English County Courts Act of 1888, would have met the position referred to by Mr. Justice Pring, as it provided that all costs and charges between attorney and client should, on the application of either, be taxed by the District Court Registrar, and that, if necessary, his taxation could be reviewed by the Judge. No attorney under that clause would have had the right to recover costs unless allowed by taxation. The Law Institute, it is said, objected to the clause, and nearly every solicitor in the Assembly opposed it. When the clause was reached in committee, Mr. Wade said that as it would not operate uniformly throughout the country, although it might work well in Sydney, he would ask the committee to negative the clause, and that was done. The Legislative Council has now an opportunity to consider whether its restoration in the bill would help to provide cheap District Court litigation.

The Naval Court-martial.—A further stage was advanced yesterday in connection with the court-martial on board H.M.S. Challenger investigating the charges against John Henry Thompson, the boatswain of H.M.S. Wallaroo. It is alleged that Thompson embezzled various stores, and at the inquiry concerning the matter induced some of the riggers to give false evidence. The examination of Sailmaker Lines was concluded, his evidence being in reference to the canvas used whilst Thompson had charge. Frederick Henry Day, second-class petty officer, employed in the sail loft at Garden Island between December, 1904, and June, 1905, deposed to several bags containing bolts of new canvas being removed by Thompson's orders from the sail loft and stored in an office at the rear, their ultimate destination being unknown to the witness. Thomas Titchen, A.B., and Wm. Hy. Norton, second-class petty officer on H.M.S. Euryalus, also gave evidence concerning supplies going from the flagship to Garden Island, and the proceedings were then adjourned until to-day.

Australian Socialist League.—The Australian Socialist League announces that it has decided to contest the next senatorial elections with the full ticket, and having been compelled to forfeit £75, the amount of the deposits of its three candidates at the last election, it has chosen the present as a fitting opportunity to issue a circular protesting against the penalising clauses of the Federal Electoral Act. This circular, which has been forwarded to the Prime Minister and leaders and members of both Houses of the Federal Parliament, points out that before any citizen is entitled to nomination as a candidate for election to either House a sum of £25 shall be deposited, such deposit to be forfeited in the event of any candidate not polling one-fifth of the votes polled by the successful candidate (or polled by the lowest successful candidate for the Senate). The league's protest is based on the ground that such a provision is undemocratic, reactionary, and restrictive, as it differentiates between the citizen with means and the citizen without; because it is a violation of the essential feature of democracy—political equality, and because it limits the choice of representation to the citizen with means, and places a financial restriction upon the working class. The provision also penalised all minority parties, especially a working class party such as the Socialist Labour party, by inflicting a financial penalty for political conviction, unduly prejudices a political party with clearly defined aims and pronounced convictions, and tends to convert Federal politics into a close corporation dominated by citizens with means. In the event of no candidates of the Socialist Labour party being nominated the members of the party would be practically disfranchised, having votes, but no means of giving consistent expression to the conviction behind such votes.

To-day being the anniversary of the birthday of Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, the Netherlands consulate will be open from 10 until 12 o'clock.

It is notified by the railway department that, commencing on Sunday next, September 3, the usual additional trains will be run between Sydney, Como, and National Park on Sundays.

At the last meeting of the North Botany Council it was decided to obtain large photographs of the late Aldermen Pallett and Reeve, both of whom had recently died. The photographs are to be placed on the walls of the council chambers in recognition of the long and valued services of the deceased aldermen.

We are asked to state Mr. J. Percy Josephson superintended the laying-out of the Marrickville bowling green.

IN PARLIAMENT.

Hon. members of the Legislative Council, no doubt, recognising the necessity of reducing the formidable appearance of the business paper as much as possible, held a fairly long sitting yesterday, but owing to the criticism bestowed upon the Observatory Hill Lands Leasing Bill the progress made was not as satisfactory as it might otherwise have been. Sir Normand MacLaurin and several other speakers expressed a strong opinion that instead of empowering the Government to extend leases of the land from 50 to 99 years they should have authority to sell the land. The Government, as Mr. Dangar remarked, was notoriously a bad landlord, but if men were enabled to acquire freeholds the locality would have a far better chance of being settled and improved than under a system of leasehold. The second reading of the bill was agreed to, but in committee Sir Normand MacLaurin succeeded in carrying an amendment giving the Government power to sell the land. The Vice-President of the Executive Council opposed the amendment, but a large majority approved of it, mainly for the reason already stated, and the third reading was made an order for to-day. The Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Bill was read the second time, and the committee stage deferred till to-day, and the Crimes Bill was also read the second time, and passed through committee.

Now that the discussion on the construction of locomotives is drawing within hail the House is being entertained with questions and deluged with papers. This presentation of papers business is rather amusing. It began many weeks ago, when a portentous printed document, presumably containing the whole of the correspondence which would assist the House in coming to a decision, was presented. But when Mr. M'Gowen got hold of it he found it to be merely a little appetiser. It was so delectable that it made him crave for more. He got more, but his appetite, growing with what it was fed upon, became insatiable, and every night he would bob up in his place with "more papers, please." Then it became a fixed thing for Mr. Carruthers to say that he had really given all that there were, or, at any rate, all that was good for a young man like his hon. friend, the leader of the Opposition, to have unless he wanted to commit himself to an orgie. But Mr. M'Gowen was willing to risk the effects of such a dissipation, and so the papers were fed up to him like the courses of a French dinner—in small portions. Last night the Premier quite surprised everyone by tabling seven papers without having been asked for them, unless a question put to him by the Whip was to be regarded as a request. The question was whether Mr. Oliver had not said in April, 1904, that for the State to undertake the manufacture of locomotives would involve a first expenditure of £100,000. The bulk of this new lot of papers was an interchange of official courtesies between the Premier and the Chief Railway Commissioner. Taken as a whole, they showed how superbly easy it is for two public men to say extremely nasty things extremely nicely. The outstanding feature of the papers is that there are strained relations somewhere. Mr. Carruthers having answered Mr. Nobbs's question and laid the papers on the table, Mr. Wade gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to make pakapu and fan-tan illegal games. That was a pleasant set off.

The Shires Bill underwent further dissection through the medium of second reading speeches. It found in Mr. Holman, the strong legal mind of the Labour party, an unequivocal enemy. He had several grounds for his hostility, but, as the Premier will no doubt mention in his reply, the principal one was that which was not mentioned, namely, the caucus of the party. However, Mr. Holman stated his case succinctly, and what may have appeared to have been speciousness on his part may really have been, so earnest did he seem, mere failure to thoroughly understand the bill and its most probable incidence. His first contention was that this local government scheme was really a scheme to transfer certain responsibilities of local administration from the Public Works Department to three commissioners. They would pull the strings and their puppets, these so-called local governing bodies, would dance for them. There was really no local self-government, for the powers conferred on localities could not be exercised excepting on the good will of the commissioners. The bill talked of the councils getting power through a plebiscite of the people, but the plebiscite could not be taken unless the commissioners said it should, and generally they had full power of veto. They could even veto a proposal by councils to lease property. Now it was all very well to say that members were pledged to local government; that bill merely changed the central authority, and neither he nor any other member had pledged themselves to that sort of thing.

The franchise proposals were obnoxious to Mr. Holman, but as they might be amended in committee he did not pursue the topic far, because the previous objections he had stated were fundamental and unalterable. He did say that the carter who drove the farmer's horses had as much interest in the roads as the farmer. That was an argument to show that the franchise must be "broad based upon the people's will." Mr. Perry, of Liverpool Plains, tried to show the absurdity of this line of argument by interjecting that the carter did not have to pay for the roads. Thereupon Mr. Kelly manifested the depth of the party's economic acumen by interpolating, "He pays for the horses if he kills them." That was so obviously sound that it defied further comment. Judging by the encouraging cheers of the Labour party, Mr. Holman is to be bracketed with Mr. Nielsen as their authorities and big guns on local government.

Mr. Waddell informed the House that he would oppose the bill. When he was head of the Government he had told the country that local government must not lay additional burdens on the country. He was sure that last year's expenditure was too low to be taken as a basis for present calculations. A sum of £620,000 would be wanted for the services, and in view of the extra taxation he could not give his assent to the bill. The 1½d on the unimproved value of the land and the ½d on the improved value would mean that the people would have to pay double as much tax as they had to do now. He then said something that did not tend to clearness—"If the bill got rid of all the roads and bridges members it would do immense good, but it was clear it would get rid of only a very few." Finally he objected to shifting the whole of the burdens of the community on to the settlers on the land. After all this it was very refreshing to those who earnestly desire local government to hear from Mr. Fleming and later from Mr. Robson, the newly-elected member for Ashfield, a cordial appreciation of the general principles of the bill. The former said that if it did involve extra taxation the country districts were never in a better position to bear it than now. He added his voice to the freely-held opinion that the real objection to the bill was that it would do away with a lot of the powers of the roads and bridges members, and he added this significant phrase: "And that it would bring into prominence men who were likely to oppose the objectors as representatives." There were several other speakers, including the Minister for Works, who applauded the system of general administration by commission, whose paramount merit was that, like the Railway Management Act, it removed a great State function from political control. He showed the folly of the statement that some districts would be involved in heavy extra taxation. After that the debate dragged on in a thin House, members putting in time in their rooms till the division bells were rung.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A BARQUE.

SAVED BY HER BOWSPIT.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The French four-masted barque Asie was piloted up the river this morning from Cape Frederick Henry, where she had narrowly escaped disaster. The barque got becalmed and was carried by the tide towards the cliffs, against which her bowspit struck, and getting fast in a crevice actually saved the vessel from going broadside on to the rocks, a slight puff from the land ultimately getting her clear, with a broken sprit as the only damage; but it is of iron, weighing five or six tons. When the vessel swung there was scarcely room for the boat to float between her bulwark and the face of the precipitous cliffs.

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PEACE CONCLUDED.

MIKADO'S MAGNANIMOUS TERMS.

DEMAND FOR INDEMNITY WITHDRAWN.

OTHER MODIFICATIONS ARRANGED.

HALF OF SAGHALIEN FOR RUSSIA.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAILED AS PEACEMAKER.

GREAT TRIUMPH FOR M. WITTE.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

It is officially announced at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that the Russian plenipotentiaries, M. Witte and Baron von Rosen, and the Japanese plenipotentiaries, Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira, in their negotiations for peace have arrived at a complete agreement on all questions in dispute between Russia and Japan, and have decided to prepare a treaty embodying the agreement.

Mr. Sato, who is in the suite of Baron Komura, has issued the following statement regarding the agreement:—

"The plenipotentiaries on the issues of Saghalien and Japan's claim for a reimbursement of her expenses in the war from the outset showed an absolute divergence of views, which frequently threatened the existence of the conference; but the Emperor of Japan, responding to the dictates of humanity and civilisation, has, in a spirit of perfect conciliation and in the interests of peace, authorised the waiving of the reimbursement of war expenses and has consented to a division of Saghalien on mutually acceptable terms."

Reuter's correspondent at Portsmouth states:—"Japan withdraws her demand for the surrender of the Russian warships interned in neutral ports and her demand for the limitation of Russia's naval power in the Far East." The correspondent adds that M. Witte has stated that the Japanese obtain only that portion of the Chinese Eastern Railway south of Chang-tu, which is 41 miles north of Tieh-ling.

M. Witte has telegraphed to President Roosevelt that history will ascribe to him the glory of the Peace of Portsmouth, and at the same time has assured him of Russia's hearty appreciation of his initiative in the negotiations.

M. Witte and Baron Komura have telegraphed to their respective Governments recommending that an armistice be arranged.

RUSSIAN PLENIPOTENTIARY AMAZED.

HIS ULTIMATUM ACCEPTED.

M. Witte, in the course of an interview on the terms of peace, said:—

"We do not pay a copeck of indemnity; we get half of Saghalien. That is the agreement in a nutshell. It seems incredible. I do not believe that any other man in my place would have dared to hope that peace was possible in the circumstances.

"From all sides—from President Roosevelt down to my friends in Russia—I received up to this morning urgent representations that something should be paid to Japan. At to-day's meeting I presented a written proposal which was an ultimatum. To my amazement the Japanese plenipotentiaries accepted it. I had resolved not to omit a word. It was the end as far as I was concerned, but I could not foretell how it would work in the Japanese mind.

"The result, however, has proved a complete victory for us. We get half Saghalien without payment of redemption money.

JAPAN'S CHIVALROUS COMPROMISE.

COUNSELS OF THE ELDER STATESMEN.

The "Times," in speaking of the peace terms, says that the decision further to compromise must have cost the Emperor of Japan much, knowing that possibly it would be unpopular with some of his nation. The decision was largely due to the Marquis Ito and the other elder statesmen of Japan, who perhaps are more permeated with the old chivalrous code than those trained under purely modern conditions. Japan also felt that she was able to make concessions as England's ally which she hardly could do with safety alone.

Russia, the "Times" adds, defrays the maintenance of prisoners in Japan, but pays nothing else. The division of Saghalien is made at the 50th parallel of north latitude. Neither Power will fortify or use Saghalien strategically, and Japan engages not to fortify either shore of the La Perouse Straits, which separate Yezo from Saghalien.

The agreement provides for the conclusion of a commercial treaty between Russia and Japan on the most favoured nation principle, and each will maintain the open door.

WIDESPREAD JUBILATION IN ST. PETERSBURG.

BLATANT CHAUVINISM DEFEATED.

The first announcement of peace being accomplished was treated in St. Petersburg as a hoax, and later messages only increased the amazement.

What the Czar offered to Japan in M. Witte's ultimatum provided a workable basis of compromise, which was currently described in St. Petersburg as "Japan surrenders her indemnity; Russia surrenders territory."

Friendly French influences worked wonders at St. Petersburg. Blatant Chauvinism was in the ascendant there till Sunday, but it is now absent except in the columns of the "Novoe Vremya." The latter journal describes the cession of Saghalien as an irreparable blunder.

The Czar was not aware that peace had been agreed upon till past midnight.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Times" reports that in St. Petersburg rejoicing will be widespread.

M. WITTE'S CROWNING SUCCESS.

JAPANESE PLENIPOTENTIARY COLLAPSING.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says that M. Witte has secured a brilliant success in defeating the aims of the war party.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the "Times," telegraphs that M. Witte's most wonderful feat was in convincing the Japanese plenipotentiaries that Russia's decision was irrevocable, and that Japan's sole alternative was to withdraw the demand for an indemnity or to continue the war.

Baron Komura, who was almost in a state of collapse, the correspondent continues, was overruled from Tokio in favour of the policy advocated by Baron Kaneko, the agent of the Marquis Ito; but notwithstanding his weak state of health, Baron Komura went to the conference yesterday in the heroic spirit of his ancestors, whose self-sacrifice was only one form of their patriotism.

WORLD-WIDE REJOICINGS.

ENCOMIUMS SHOWERED ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

News of the conclusion of peace was received with great jubilations in all directions, and peals of bells were rung from the churches. In Paris the news was received with surprise and relief.

Baron Komura notified President Roosevelt of the agreement, and President Roosevelt at once telephoned his thanks and congratulations to the plenipotentiaries of both nations.

Sir H. M. Durand, the British Ambassador to America, telegraphed from Lenox that he was exceedingly glad to hear the news. Belligerents and the world in general, he said, owed a debt of gratitude to President Roosevelt. The German Charge d'Affaires also from Lenox, conveyed his congratulations in similar expressions, and added that the German Emperor would be especially glad because President Roosevelt had been successful. Liang Cheng, the Chinese Minister to America, telegraphed from Amherst he was pleased that peace had been arranged.

In Great Britain tributes to the triumph of President Roosevelt are unanimous.

BASIS OF TREATY OF PEACE.

JAPAN'S ORIGINAL PROPOSALS.	ACCEPTED CONDITIONS.
1. The cession of Saghalien to Japan.	1. Saghalien divided at the 50th parallel, Northern portion belongs to Russia, the southern portion to Japan.
2. Reimbursement of Japan's expenses of the war.	2. No Indemnity. Russia pays expenses Japan has incurred in maintaining prisoners of war.
3. Cession of the Russian leases in the Liao-tung Peninsula to Japan.	3. Cession of Russian leases in the Liao-tung Peninsula to Japan.
4. Evacuation by Russia of Manchuria.	4. Evacuation by Russia of Manchuria.
5. The retrocession to China of any privileges granted to Russia in Manchuria, and the recognition of the open door in those provinces.	5. The retrocession to China of any privileges granted to Russia in Manchuria, and the recognition of the open door in those provinces.
6. The cession to Japan of the Chinese Eastern railway below Harbin, the main line through Northern Manchuria to Vladivostock remaining Russian.	6. The cession to Japan of the Chinese Eastern railway from Chang-tu southwards, the main line through Northern Manchuria to Vladivostock remaining Russian.
7. Recognition of the Japanese protectorate over Korea.	7. Recognition of Japanese protectorate over Korea.
8. A grant of fishing rights to Japan in the waters of the Siberian littoral, northward of Vladivostock to the Behring Sea.	8. A grant of fishing rights to Japan in the waters of the Siberian Littoral northward of Vladivostock to the Behring Sea.
9. Relinquishment to Japan of the interned warships.	
10. The limitation of Russia's naval strength in the Far East.	
	9. Treaty of commerce between the two nations based on the most favoured nation principle.

PRECEDING PEACE.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ATTACKED.

BY RUSSIAN PRESS.

LONDON, Aug. 29.

Russian newspapers attack President Roosevelt, accusing him of showing partiality.

The "Sviet," of St. Petersburg, says that the Japanese conditions of peace would only be acceptable if the Japanese fleet was threatening St. Petersburg, and the Japanese army occupying Moscow.

Russia, the "Sviet" adds, will not bow to the yoke to fulfil President Roosevelt's desire to guarantee the American creditors of Japan and cover himself with glory as a peacemaker.

REFERENCE IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In reply to a question in the House of Representatives to-day, as to whether any official information had been received as to the result of the peace conference, the Prime Minister said that he had no information with regard to the matter. If he had he would have considered it his duty to make a statement to the House. He noticed, however, that information to the effect that peace had been proclaimed had been received from correspondents of all the papers. If that was true, and it was supposed to be true, no more welcome news had reached this country than that this sanguinary desperate war had ceased. (Hear, hear.) The news would be received with great satisfaction all round the world, and nowhere would the friendly relations that would follow and develop as a result of peace be more generously welcomed than in the Commonwealth. (Hear, hear.)

AUSTRIAN COMMANDER'S VIEW.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Commander Von Hoehnel, of the Austrian warship Panther, in responding to the toast of his health at a reception given to-day by the Mayor of Brisbane, in honour of the officers of the vessel, said he would never forget the welcome, the hospitality, and the courtesy he had received. It was with great satisfaction he learned that peace had been declared between Japan and Russia—(applause)—and he felt assured that all present would join in the hope that peace would reign all over the world, and he could express the hope that it would always reign between the two countries represented that day. (Applause.)

THE NEWS IN ADELAIDE.

CONGRATULATION FROM THE SUPREME COURT BENCH.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

News of the peace was conveyed to the Chief Justice, and at a subsequent stage of the Supreme Court proceedings to-day his Honor, speaking for himself and his colleagues, said: —"I think I may say that, although we are isolated from politics and the great events going on in the world, we cannot help sharing the joy of the whole community and the whole world that peace has been accomplished, and that this great war is to be at an end."

THE NEWS IN NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

In the House this afternoon Mr. Seddon expressed his satisfaction at the receipt of the news that peace had been arranged. He felt that Edward the Peacemaker had had something to do with the declaration of peace. He asked members by acclamation to receive the glad, welcome tidings. Loud applause from all parts of the House followed the Premier's remarks.

THE END OF THE WAR.

The welcome and somewhat unexpected turn in the negotiations between the Russian and Japanese envoys suggests some reference to the chief events of a war which, from a military point of view, was the greatest since the Franco-German struggle. From a naval point of view it was not only the greatest since the days of Nelson, but was also unique in providing the first object-lesson on a large scale of blue-water fighting between modern armoured ships.

From first to last—accepting, for the present, August 30 as the nominal date of termination—the war has been in progress one year six months, and three weeks. On February 5, 1904, the Japanese Minister in St. Petersburg announced the rupture of diplomatic relations with Russia by order of his Government. On the evening of February 8 a Japanese squadron under Admiral Uriu, escorting transports, arrived at Chemulpo, Korea, and the Russian gunboat Koreitz fired the first shot of the war. At midnight on the same date Admiral Togo stole on Port Arthur. Before midnight on the 9th three Russian battleships and five cruisers had been severely damaged, as the result of the operations of Uriu and Togo. On February 10 Japan made the formal declaration of war. So much for the early events by which Japan, with great dash, got in the first blow—a blow from which the ponderous Slav was never able to recover.

Then came a delay for which the Japanese have been severely criticised. Port Arthur, stood at the extremity of the Kwan-tung, as the symbol of Russian power and authority in the East. The Russians have since declared that had the Japanese acted with the same promptitude against the fortress as they did against the fleet, Port Arthur must have fallen after a feeble resistance. Instead of sending transports to land troops on the narrow isthmus which joins the Kwan-tung with the broader Liao-tung, the Japanese invaded Korea, and in cold weather plodded northward through snow and wet towards Manchuria, in order to drive in the Russian left and—following up the expected triumph—cut off the Russian field army from communication with the fortress. They were entirely successful. On May Day General Kuroki overwhelmingly defeated General Sassulitch and the Japanese crossed the Yalu River into Manchuria. Thus ended the first great stage in the land campaign.

Meanwhile Admiral Togo, already a national hero, had been vainly trying to seal the Russian fleet in Port Arthur by sinking "dummies"—merchantmen laden with stones—across the entrance of the harbour. On April 13 the new Russian battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk, and Admiral Makaroff, the Czar's one admiral of any fame, was drowned with 700 sailors. On May 15 the Japanese lost in a similar way—i.e., by collision with a mine—the magnificent battleship Hatsuse. Occasionally the Russian squadron at Vladivostock, consisting of three armoured cruisers—a fourth being disabled—made sorties southward, but all efforts to effect a junction with the Port Arthur fleet were unsuccessful.

It was not until the middle of May that Port Arthur was isolated. For three months after the war began the Russians poured in supplies of food and ammunition without serious interruption. General Kuropatkin had arrived in Manchuria at the end of March, and found the army in a deplorable state of disorganisation. Acting under orders from St. Petersburg, inspired by Admiral Alexeieff, the Russian Viceroy in the East, he sent General Stackelberg southward with an army to relieve Port Arthur. This proved a blunder, the Russians being driven back with a loss of 7000 men and 16 guns in the battle of Telissa. Already the Japanese were nearing Port Arthur as the result of the famous battle of Kin-chau, which will for ever be memorable for the brilliant storming of Nan-shan—shan meaning hill. Dalny, a new Russian city, not far distant from Port Arthur, became the Japanese base.

Six months' campaigning found the Japanese thundering at Port Arthur by land and sea, while northward three armies—which subsequently were increased—were steadily pressing the Russians towards Liao-yang, where General Kuropatkin contemplated a tremendous blow that would shatter the pretensions of the hitherto despised Asiatics. Marquis Oyama had by this time arrived in Manchuria. General Oku, with the Left Army, was victorious at Ta-shih-chiao, but the advance upon Liao-yang was so slow that again military experts were nearly unanimous in condemning the Japanese plans. Although General Keller, on the Russian left, had been badly defeated at the Motien-ling, the Japanese preferred not to follow up the success. In the middle of August the Russians were still formidably entrenching themselves in and about the sacred walled city of Liao-yang.

On August 10 Admiral Withoeft, whose chief recommendation was his personal bravery, and who had succeeded the talented and lamented Makaroff, made a sortie from Port Arthur with his fleet, his object being to reach Vladivostock, owing to the progress that General Nogi was making in his military operations against the fortress. One battleship and two cruisers escaped to neutral ports, and the rest of the fleet returned to Port Arthur. Withoeft was killed. Prince Ukhtomsky, a feather-bed Admiral, succeeded him, but his incompetency led to the appointment of Admiral Wiren.

In any review of the war one must pass in this way at intervals from Port Arthur in the south to Kuropatkin's rallying points in the north. The battle of Liao-yang was fought at the end of August and the beginning of September. The Japanese began their advance on August 25, and after terrible fighting entered the city at 3 a.m. on September 4. Kuropatkin made such a masterly retreat that Russian hopes in him were not extinguished. As early as October 12 he engaged in the battle of Sha-ho, but again the Japanese were victorious, the Russian losses being 50,000, against 16,000 Japanese casualties. The early entry of the Japanese into Mukden, the Manchurian capital, seemed likely, but winter came, leaving the two great armies of about 400,000 men each facing each other over the snowfields.

The world's attention was re-directed to Port Arthur, where Wiren was helpless with his fleet, while General Stoessel, the military commander, was prematurely acclaimed a hero. A grand attack by General Nogi in August failed, but fort after fort was captured, and on November 30 the fortress and the fleet were doomed by the seizure of 203-Metre Hill. Three days later the guns of the Japanese naval brigade opened fire on the Russian ships. On January 1 General Stoessel surrendered, and Nogi took 32,207 prisoners, in addition to 15,000 sick and wounded; also large supplies, a sunken fleet, and 546 guns. With the fall of Port Arthur Russian pride was broken, and Japan was recognised world-wide as one of the great military Powers.

Even if Kuropatkin were destined to fail again, one hope still remained to the Czar and his Ministers. Since October 15 the Baltic fleet had been moving towards the East with the object of regaining command of the sea, the loss of which by Japan would have heralded her ultimate defeat, as the Manchurian army would have been cut off from its source of supplies. The Armada—a mixture of strength and weakness, of good and bad—was still engaged on its adventurous mission when Kuropatkin was outwitted and crushingly defeated in the historic battle of Mukden, which ranks as one of the world's greatest conflicts. Worse was to follow on the sea, for when eventually the Baltic fleet, or Second Pacific Squadron, reached the East, it was met by the combined squadrons of Japan and annihilated. The naval battle of Tsu-shima was so recent that its details need not be revived. Suffice it to say that from the beginning of the war to the destruction of the Baltic fleet, out of 15 battleships that the Russians sent into action they lost 14, out of 8 armoured cruisers they lost 5, and out of 13 protected cruisers they lost 7. In accomplishing this, the Japanese lost 1 battleship and 4 protected cruisers.

The war ends with Russia dispossessed of two great fleets, and without a solitary victory being credited to her on land or sea. In the greatest land battle—Mukden—the Slav losses were 150,000, killed, wounded, or captured. At sea their losses in the battle of Tsu-shima were enormous. A moderate estimate is between 6000 and 7000 lives, whereas the Japanese casualties were 113 officers or men killed and 424 wounded. Altogether it is estimated that the Russians have lost 300,000 men, killed, wounded, or captured, and that the Japanese total is about 200,000. In Japan there are, roundly 100,000 Russian prisoners, about half of that number being from Port Arthur. Transports to convey this dejected army back to Russia are already in commission.

Reference has been made to occasions when European experts adversely criticised Japanese methods. The results stand as the justification of the plans of Kodama and the other Japanese strategists. It is true that sledge-hammer tactics won Liao-yang and Sha-ho, but the brilliant strategy at Mukden showed that the Japanese were previously the tools of circumstance, and that they are not deficient in the finer intellectual talent or genius of great captains according to the European standard.

The Sun-flag floats over Port Arthur, Dalny, Liao-yang, and Mukden, and Oyama's six armies have been awaiting the order—in the event of the failure of peace negotiations—to advance upon Kirin, thence to Harbin, and eastward upon the Russian fortress of Vladivostock. Russia is completely wiped out as a naval Power, and Japan is supreme in the East. Never before has there been such an object lesson of naval and military co-operation. The names of Yamagata, Fukushima, Kodama, Oyama, Oku, Nogi, Nodzu, and Kuroki, will for ever blaze on the pages of Japanese military history. Of Admiral Togo it may be said that his name passes into the world's possession like that of Nelson. Kuropatkin is a melancholy figure; Linevitch, who succeeded him, remains untried. The Russian army returns dispirited and vanquished to a homeland that is rent with dissension and tumult. The Czar on his throne is pitiable. In the East the Mikado is undoubted lord, and a new—yet in another sense an old—virile nation steps forward into her place among the Powers, which, profoundly stirred, must, owing to the arrival of the Eastern stranger, proceed to re-group themselves, with results upon the history of the 20th century that can yet be but vaguely surmised. Whether the immediate fruits of victory that fall to Japan—noting the terms of peace reported to-day—are in accord with the brilliant triumphs of the army and navy of Nippon does not come within the range of a review of the operations. Still it may be said that M. Witte appears to have done fairly well at Portsmouth.

OBITUARY.

MR. GEMMELL DICK.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

The death is announced of Mr. Gemmell Dick, formerly Engineer for the Queensland Government.

Mr. Gavan Gemmell Dick was formerly in the Harbours and Rivers Department of Queensland, at Rockhampton, having joined the service in 1876. About 20 years ago he was sent to London under the Agent-General to superintend the purchase of plant, etc., for the Queensland Government. He was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, and cousin of Mr. Gemmell-Smith, latterly general manager of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, in Fiji.

TO-DAY

Lecture on "Immigration," by Mr. Bruce Smith, M.P.: Royal Society's House, 8 pm..

Business Men's Service: Centenary Hall, 1.15 p.m.

Lyceum Theatre: Mission, 8 p.m.

Ladies' Intellectual Afternoon, English Literature: 155 The Strand, 3 p.m.

Royal Art Society's Exhibition: 76 Pitt-street, 10 a.m.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "Marie Antoinette," 8 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: "The Walls of Jericho," 8 p.m.

Theatre Royal: "A Sailor's Sweetheart," 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.

Palace Theatre: "The Coquette," 8 p.m.

Queen's Hall: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.

Centenary Hall: Belle Crome Company, 8 p.m.

Zoological Gardens, Moore Park: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions, Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

St. Thomas' Church, North Sydney: Social, Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8 p.m.

Paddington Town Hall: Scotch Concert, 7.45 p.m.

The Redfern Aldermen are going to interview the Minister for Public Works respecting a letter they received at their last meeting, stating that the Government grant towards the maintenance of Regent-street had been fixed at £85. Some severe remarks were made about the "cheeseparing" policy of the Government in some directions, while it did nothing for reform in big expenditure. The grant for the road was formerly £200, which was even regarded as too low.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE MATCH.

LONDON, Aug. 29.

Play in the return match between the Australians and Gloucestershire, at Cheltenham, was started at a quarter-past 1 o'clock. Rain fell during the afternoon, interfering very much with the play. There were 2000 spectators. The teams are:—

Gloucestershire:—G. L. Jessop, E. A. Barnett, R. T. Godsell, C. O. H. Sewell, W. S. A. Brown, L. T. Brownlee, Mills, J. H. Board, G. Dennett, H. Wrathall, and T. Langdon.

Australians:—J. Darling, M. A. Noble, V. Trumper, W. Howell, A. J. Hopkins, J. J. Kelly, A. Cotter, D. R. A. Gehrs, C. Hill, C. E. M'Leod, and F. Laver.

Darling won the toss, and accompanied Trumper to the wickets, while Dennett and Mills bowled. The half-century was hoisted in 35 minutes, Darling, who was showing sound hitting powers, being 29, and Trumper 18. When the adjournment was made for lunch 72 appeared on the board. Darling was driving finely, and was 46, while Trumper, playing skilfully, secured 23. The wicket was then slow and easy.

Ten runs were added after resuming, and then Trumper (27) was bowled by Jessop. He had been batting 65 minutes. One for 82. Darling 52. Hill joined Darling. The century was passed, and then play was stopped by rain. The score was 101 for one wicket, Darling being 58 and Hill 13.

After 30 minutes' delay play was continued, but before another run was scored Hill (13) was bowled by Brown. Two for 101. Darling 58. Noble who followed, after making a single, was bowled by Brown. Three for 109. Darling 65.

Hopkins joined Darling, who was playing fine all-round cricket. The new-comer, when 22, was caught and bowled by Mills. Four for 156. Darling 90. Darling was joined by M'Leod. The Australian captain had compiled 99 when he was finely taken at long-on by Langdon off Mills. He had played faultless cricket for 2 hours 20 minutes, and hit 12 fours. Five for 167. M'Leod 2.

Gehrs, after making 4, was easily taken at mid-off by Brown off Dennett. Six for 175. M'Leod 6. Rain again stopped play. After 45 minutes' delay Kelly partnered M'Leod, but after making 3 was caught and bowled by Brown. Seven for 184. M'Leod 12.

Cotter came next, but the score was unaltered when stumps were drawn.

WEDNESDAY'S PLAY.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

When play was resumed at Cheltenham to-day the weather was unsettled, and the wicket was soft. The attendance numbered about 2000. Nine runs were added by McLeod and Cotter to the overnight score, and then the latter, who was 5, was caught at long-on by Barnett off Dennett. Eight for 193. McLeod, 16.

THE NEXT MATCH.

The Australians will commence a match against Eleven of England at Bournemouth. The opposing combination may not be a good one for the reason that there are some important first-class engagements down for decision.

ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

RENEWAL AND EXTENSION.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

It is stated that all the preliminaries for the renewal and extension of the treaty of alliance between Great Britain and Japan have been satisfactorily arranged.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Daily Mail" learns that the new Anglo-Japanese treaty has been signed.

LIBELLING AUSTRALIA.

MR. COGHLAN'S REFUTATIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

The "Statist," in an article, says that friends who have recently visited Australia declare that political morality is steadily degenerating, and that commercial morality is far less satisfactory than it used to be.

Mr. T. A. Coghlan, the Acting Agent-General for New South Wales, in a strong letter, refutes the assertions seriatim, and especially denies the reported withdrawal of capital. Mr. Coghlan writes a similar letter to the "Daily Chronicle," correcting misstatements by its Australian correspondents.

GREAT COPPER CORNER.

OPPOSED BY MR. ROCKEFELLER.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, Massachusetts, is inviting subscriptions for an Anglo-American copper pool of £2,000,000, he and his associates holding three-fifths of the amount. Mr. Lawson predicts that there will be a sensational fall in copper prices.

The programme, says the "Daily Chronicle," is to "bear" operations on a colossal scale. Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, who backs the Amalgamated Copper Company of the United States, is credited with holding £20,000,000 to combat such attempts as Mr. Lawson's.

PRICES OF COPPER.

Copper on spot yesterday was quoted:—Buyer £72 10s, and seller £72 15s per ton as against b £72 and s £72 5s on Monday.

Copper at three months was quoted yesterday at b £72, s £72 5s, as against b £71 5s, s £71 10s on Monday.

It was generally contended that the price of copper for 1904 was mainly influenced by American considerations throughout the year. On January 1 of that year copper stood at £56 17s 6d. The declaration of war between Japan and Russia sent the price down to £55 5s. In October prices advanced to £63 5s, finally closing the year at £68 7s 6d. The year 1905 opened with copper at £68 17s 6d. It remained in the vicinity of those figures until the middle of April, when a decline began, and after falling to £64 8s in May an advance began, which has continued with slight breaks until now quotations are between £72 10s and £72 15s.

Messrs. Jas. Lewis and Son estimated that in view of the increased activity of trade in the United States fully 20,000 tons of copper per month would be required in 1905, against 16,000 per month during 1904, whilst the continuance of the war between Japan and Russia would absorb further large quantities. An increased monthly consumption of 4000 tons per month for the world was predicted, against a probable increased production of 2500 monthly. It was recently stated that 30,000 to 40,000 tons of copper were sold to China and Japan for 1905, thus creating increased demand. The world's total consumption of copper in 1904 was 360,616 tons, against 280,721 tons in 1903.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

At the sales of Australian tallow to-day 1750 casks were offered, and 550 were sold. Prices were unchanged, as follows:—Mutton, fine 30s 6d, medium 27s 6d; beef, fine 27s 9d, medium 26s per cwt.

SECOND EDITION

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE MATCH.

AUSTRALIANS, 195

COUNTY, EIGHT FOR 132.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

In the match at Cheltenham to-day between Gloucestershire and the Australians, Laver, without scoring, was caught by Board off Dennett. Howell scored 1, and McLeod, 17, after being in an hour, was caught at long-on by Sewell off Mills. The innings, which had lasted 4 hours and 55 minutes, closed for 195.

Wrathall and Barnett opened for Gloucestershire, to the bowling of Noble and McLeod. Barnett was bowled by Laver for 8, Wrathall being 31, compiled by fine hitting. It was Laver's hundredth wicket. One for 48. Sewell was bowled by Howell for 18. Two for 87, which had occupied an hour. Wrathall, who was 45, was missed off an easy chance at the wicket by Gehrs, and then Board, before scoring, was caught splendidly by Hill at long-on off Howell. Three for 92. Wrathall 46. Jessop at 8 was caught by McLeod at mid-off off Howell. Four for 103. Brown was bowled first ball by Howell, and Wrathall, who had been in 90 minutes, was bowled by Laver for 55, included in which were six fours. Six for 109. When Godsell had scored 6, Langdon, 8, was caught by Laver off his own bowling. Seven for 123. Brownhill, 9, was caught by Howell off Laver. Eight for 132. The adjournment for lunch was made.

The following is the score:—

AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

V. Trumper, b Jessop	27
J. Darling, c Langdon, b Mills	99
C. Hill, b Brown	13
M. A. Noble, b Brown	1
A. J. Hopkins, c a 1 b Mills	22
C. E. McLeod, c Board, b Dennett	0
D. R. A. Gehrs, c Brown b Dennett	4
J. J. Kelly, c and b Brown	3
A. Cotter, c Barrett, b Dennett	5
F. Laver, c Sewell, b Mills	17
W. Howell, not out	1
Sundries	2
Total	195

Bowling analysis: Jessop, 1 for 25; Dennett, 3 for 66; Mills, 3 for 67; Brown, 3 for 34.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings.

Wrathall, b Laver	55
Barnett, b Laver	8
Sewell, b Howell	18
Board, c Hill, b Howell	0
Jessop, c McLeod, b Howell	8
Brown, b Howell	0
Godsell, not out	6
Langdon, c and b Laver	8
Brownlee, c Howell, b Laver	9
Sundries	20
Eight wickets for	132

SILVER.

HEAVY FALL.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3⅜d per ounce standard, a fall of 15-16d since yesterday.

The heavy fall is due to the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan.

LATE SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Legislative Assembly continued its sitting this morning after our first edition went to press.

The debate on the motion for the second reading of the Shires Bill was continued by Messrs. Davidson, Burgess, Downes, Morton, Kelly, Hall, Broughton, and M'Garry.

The House was still sitting at 3.45 a.m.

REFORM IN RUSSIA.

A MUNICIPALITY WHICH ACTS.

COMPENSATION FOR JEWS.

HUMANE OFFICIAL EULOGISED.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

The municipality of Kertch, at the entrance to the Sea of Azov, has withdrawn the police subvention, and has demanded an investigation by the Senate of the anti-Jewish disturbances. The municipality passed a resolution commending the commandant of the port, Commandant Captain Sobietzky, for alone among the officials displaying energy and humanity in preventing wholesale massacres.

Another resolution which has been passed compensates Jewish sufferers, and censures the authorities for their inaction.

ANOTHER BOMB TRAGEDY.

The "Vossische Zeitung," of Berlin, reports that the Chief of the Police at Czenstochay, Poland, was killed by the explosion of a dynamite bomb, and that several bystanders were severely injured.

SUICIDE OF A SUGAR SPECULATOR.

LONDON, Aug. 29.

The failure of M. Cronier, president of the Say Sugar Refinery, Paris, owing to losses in speculations, involves £8,000,000. The money is chiefly due to large banks.

QUEENSLAND.

COMMONWEALTH RIFLE MATCH.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The following riflemen have been selected to represent Queensland in the Commonwealth rifle match at Melbourne in October:—Alex. Ferguson (captain), W. Manuel, Quartermaster-Sergeant Raymond, R. G. Hamley, J. B. Wallace, G. Bradley, Ferguson, A. Moodie, G. Shaw, Captain Percy Thorn, A. V. White, S. Sowden, H. W. Hyde, J. E. Hart, J. Meekin; emergencies, Gargett, Hobson, French, Hill, Carmichael, Jamieson.

THE BENDIGO BANK ROBBERY.

TRIAL OF THE ACCUSED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Fourteen witnesses, or about half the total number to be called, have been heard at the trial of Frederick Herman Gray, charged with larceny of money while in the service of the Bank of Australasia, at Bendigo. The trial, which is taking place before Justice Hodges in the Criminal Court, has already extended over three days. Among the witnesses examined to-day was Gustavus Ellerman, accountant in the bank, who deposed that he had never given authority to anybody to have a duplicate key to the treasury, and that he had made no erasures in the ledger respecting the credits of two of the customers. James Frigerio gave evidence as to two keys having been made in his father's shop at Bendigo for the accused. Witness thought one of the keys was for a safe.

A request that the Redfern Council should assist the North Sydney representatives in the agitation for the North Shore bridge met with an unfavourable reception on Tuesday evening, and the matter was shelved.

In this State, where climatic changes occur so often, a gentle stimulant like Wolfe's Schnapps is needed.—Advt.

This week's "Mail" has a page of spirited photographs of the Sydney Hunt Club's meet at Edinsor Park on Saturday.—Advt.

WOOL-O.

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To a quiet man, or one who is fond of reading, the shearers' hut is a den of horror. There are men whose tongues are never still, and, as might be expected, these are the ones who seldom say anything worth hearing. There is the rattling of dice and the shuffling and chatter of card players. The man who bangs his fist on the table with every winning card he plays is particularly obnoxious. Occasionally he gets his deserts in the form of a flying boot. There are draught players, domino enthusiasts, noughts-and-crosses cranks, and fox-and-goose lunatics; there are loud discussions, arguments—mostly about dogs and horses—yarning, singing, and whistling, to the accompaniment of half a dozen mouthorgans, tin whistles, Jews' harps, and a cracked concertina. It's hard to follow the adventures of Reginald de Clancy through the jungles of the Punjab under such disturbing conditions; it is harder still to compose a soulful epistle to your best girl, pining for her shearer boy down south, or to dash off a fetching little ode to the entrancing beauty of her eyes.

At 10 o'clock a bucket of tea and another of coffee are placed on the floor, and there is a rush for pannikins and buns. You feel glad that there will soon be peace; but it is not unadulterated. When the lights are out you learn the sleeping characters of your shed mates. There are several asthmatical nuisances who cough intermittently; about a dozen go pig-hunting, and are pursuing the spotted one nearly all night; others fidget and kick and roll, have nightmares and other nocturnal visitations, and yell blue murder in their sleep; a few are troubled with insomnia, and get up at frequent intervals to fill and light their pipes. And there are the town-goers, who come stumbling in about midnight, with noise enough to awaken the next man. When that row has subsided, the 30 or 40 dogs tied up outside begin to corroboree in dismal and melancholy tones. Somebody yells at them to lie down, and one or two get up to throw firewood and jam tins at them. The nights are pretty near all alike, so you don't wonder at the number of tents and bush gunyahs there are scattered about the neighbourhood.

On many of the big stations there is separate accommodation for shearers and rouseabouts—detached kitchens and special dining-rooms for each. The sleeping apartments are partitioned off, having two or four bunks in each. There are sitting-rooms, card-rooms, and reading-rooms. There is no piano yet, but probably that will come along in the near future. These good sheds are often systematically worked by one band of men year after year. Now and again a couple drop out, and strangers fill their places. Otherwise, a stranger has little chance against the old hands, who are booked for the following year as soon as the shed cuts out. Under this long-range system New Zealanders, after finishing the season in their own country, often complete the year with a run of sheds through Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland.

The day starts early. The cook's bell, soon after daylight, is the first summons—to "awake and arise." There is more tea and brownie, and the men file to the shed. Stands have been drawn for, water tins fixed up to dip shears in, oil bottles hung, and boards nailed conveniently for oil-stones, pipe and tobacco, etc., and each man goes to his place. On one side of the board are narrow pens, one for each man, for the shorn sheep; on the other side a wide catch-pen for every two men. These pairs are called pen-mates, and they turn the grindstone for each other. They are not always boon companions; they are sometimes deadly enemies. In many sheds there is a double board; in others the catch-pens are in the centre, and there is a board on each side. The big machine sheds, as a rule, are roomy and substantial structures, though mostly built of galvanised iron. Some of the cocky sheds of old time, with the huge gum-log press, are still standing, covered with bark and walled with slabs. The common backblock shed is not walled, except in part with the low stubs that form the pens. The gap between this fence and the roof, in hot or dusty places, is screened with bagging or hessian. Everything is pretty rough and slipshod about these sheds. The yards and pens are built of logs, rails, stubs, and boughs; the shed is covered with bushes or cane grass, occasionally further protected with hessian blinds. It is low and flat, so low that a tall man often bumps his head against the cross beams; and dust, leaves, and twigs are continually falling on the board and getting mixed up with the wool. There is not much comfort. It is often many miles away from the station homestead, and being used for but a short time once a year, and having no caretaker between the whiles, it is too risky to build an elaborate and expensive shed, and leave it to take its chance. In any case, as shearing can only be done in dry weather, it answers the purpose as well as the best. The galvanised iron shed is cleaner, but in summer the heat is terrific. For working purposes, and for the sheep, the cane-grass or the bough shed is the better.

Thursday and Friday are the most favoured days on which to start shearing. The first couple of days are the hardest on backs and wrists, and commencing near the end of the week provides a break of a day and a half, and the operators are consequently in good trim when they toe the scratch on Monday morning. The first mob of sheep in is closely examined and criticised, and when the pens are full hands play among the backs and shoulders to ascertain the quality and density of the wool. When there is a good show of yolk and the fleeces are free of burrs, sand, and grass seed, the knights of the blades are jubilant.

As the overseer, or "man-over-the-board," comes in, the men rise expectantly, and at the first jingle of the bell there is a wild rush into the catch-pens and a scramble for sheep. Struggling animals are dragged out and dumped on to each stand, and at once the shears are clicking from end to end, every man striving for the honour of first fleece. The belly wool is the first part taken off, the sheep being sat on the board between the operator's legs, its forelegs held back under his left arm. The fleece is opened up along the neck, from the brisket to the left ear, and shorn down the left side, well over the spine, to the tail; then the animal is turned, shorn down the off-side, finishing off the thigh, and half pitched through the open gate. Then another is grabbed, dragged on to the board, and dumped on its rear extremity with its heart palpitating like a wounded bird's. But they seldom kick, except when a junk of skin is taken off. The breathless hurry of every man, the apparent desperate desire to separate fleece and sheep in a certain time, is the first thing that strikes the stranger in a shearing shed. The ringer, or fastest shearer, soon singles out when hands are in. There are two or three jigging very close to him, and these keep up a perpetual race, whilst the others try to keep as near as possible, or are running one another. The drummer, or slowest shearer, is about the only man who doesn't seem to care when supper time comes. But his position is not conspicuous at the start. A shearer who answered to the name of Dick gained a little notoriety during the first week in a northern shed. Only a couple then had their hands in, and Dick had third highest tally. Swelling with pride and magnanimity, he said to his pen mate: "Cut in, Mac; you can lick lots of these coves here. You'll be fourth, anyway." Next day "Mac" was ahead, and said he to Dick: "Cut in, Dick; you can lick lots of these coves here. You'll be fifth, anyway." The yarn went round, and every man Jack was doing his level best. One after another, the others passed Dick's tally, till finally one shouted across the board: "Cut in, Dick; you'll be last, anyway!" And Dick was.

In most sheds, where pinking is desirable, the ringer, no matter how good or fast he may be, is restricted to a certain limit, and no one is allowed to go beyond him. This prevents tomahawking, and it explains why a man will make a phenomenal record in one shed, and cut only an ordinary tally in another. Of course, the quality and weight of the fleeces, and the size and condition of the

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sheep, have also a lot to do with the fluctuations of tallies. The easiest of all to cut are lambs and hoggets, and the next best are the ewes. Breed, condition, and weight of sheep, density of wool, and the season just passed through have a big influence on the tally barometer. There is a sudden drop when the shears get to work on the wethers, whilst the hardest and slowest work is done on the rams and ram stags. Each of these latter is counted as two sheep.

A run is anything from 75 to 90 minutes, when the bell rings for smoke-oh, lunch, afternoon tea, or knock-off. Shearers drink tea all day, a bucket of it being kept continually hung in the shed, replenished from time to time as required. One or two pannikins only are used, and everybody dips them into the bucket. The sheep are counted out at the end of each run, and the tallies are posted on a board in a conspicuous place every morning. These morning bulletins command a good deal of notice and interest, they are scanned by visitors and swagmen, and even the little tarboy, between runs, derives a lot of satisfaction from comparing one man's tally with another's, and computing the daily earnings of the big guns. If the boss is not particular about the sheep being pinked (shorn so closely and even that the skin shows plainly), the tallies are at times remarkable. At Barenya station, for instance, on September 19, 1895, 26 men averaged 172 each; on the same day eight men averaged 236 each; and on the 20th 26 men averaged 175 each. The record for hand-shearing is held by Jack Howe, who shore 327 ewes in 7 hours 20 minutes at Alice Downs (Q.).

The following unique records belong to an earlier date:—At Belalie, on the Warrego, in 1884, Sid Ross shore nine lambs in 9 minutes, and at Evesham, in 1886, Jimmy Fisher shore 50 lambs in one run before breakfast (about 75 minutes). At Charlotte Plains, Warrego River, in 1885, Alex. Miller shore 4362 sheep in three weeks and three days, an average of 203 per day throughout the shed. "Long" Maloney shore 22,000 in one season in South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales. In 1876 Angus M'Innes shore against Jack Gunn at Parratoo, S.A., for £50, when the former shore 180 sandback wethers in one day, and but for a timely interference would have exterminated two boundary riders because they had no more sheep in. At Fowler's Bay, in 1874, the lengthy Maloney shore 11 big wethers in 11 minutes, using a pair of Ward and Payne's 38's. At a shed on the Paroo, in 1884, seven—namely, Allan M'Callam, Bamphil ("The Warbler"), Jack Lynch, Jimmy Donaldson ("Maorilander"), "Warrigal Jack" M'Donald (the "Barrier Ringer"), "Long Bob" Hobbs, and Jack Reid ("The Victorian")—shore 1540 sheep in one day, an average of 220 per man. At Pareill, in 1885, another Jack M'Donald, who weighed only 6st 9lb, shore 187 full-fleeced wethers in 7½ hours.

A shearer who has used the tongs all over the Commonwealth, during the last big squabble between the pastoralists and shearers gave the following particulars of his earnings:—In 1899 he shore 23,538 sheep, receiving £235 7s 7d; in 1900, 22,976, for £229 15s 2½d; in 1901, 23,142, for £231 9s 5d; and during the first half of 1902 he shore 10,379, his cheque being £103 15s 10d. This man is a long way below being a champion. A fair team of 30 men can average 100 per day. But bad weather, much travelling, and long breaks between sheds, especially the latter, prevent the majority of fairly smart shearers making enough to carry them through the year. Jimmy Power, who was the champion machine shearer of Australia, in fact, of the world, and whose record is 315 sheep in 7 hours 40 minutes, shore 40,000 in one season. His bones are now resting in South Africa. As a rule, better money is made with machines than by hand. The tallies are higher in the aggregate, the work is lighter and cleaner, and the operator has to find neither shears, stone, nor oil, and never loses any of his rest-time at the grindstone. His only expense, so far as the actual work is concerned, is for combs and cutters, which amounts to merely a few pence per hundred sheep.

Bigger tallies are made in Queensland than in New South Wales, the sheep of the mother State being noted for greater density of wool. Smaller tallies, however, are cut nowadays all round than formerly, on account of the improved breed of sheep, which carry more wool. Merinos in good country are fine sheep to shear, while the introduction of the Vermont strain makes the work more arduous in any locality. The Shropshires and crossbreds also make heavy work; they are big, whereas the merinos are small, compact animals.

The sheep in the catch-pens are not taken as they come, but are carefully picked by the pen-mates right through. A glance at the back is sufficient to decide which of the penned animals will cut best. The lightest and thinnest-woolled sheep are always grabbed, providing they are clean, and a desperate race ensues when it comes to the last two in the pen. This enclosure is not refilled until the last sheep, called the cobbler, is caught, and each of the mates shows his generosity by trying hard to let go first, so as to leave him for the other. It does not follow that when a slow and a fast shearer are penmates the former will get all the cobblers; he can shear as a stiff horse races—only he sprints when the third last is caught. There is also hard cutting among greedy persons for a bell sheep (the one caught just as the bell is about to ring off). It is against the rules to lay hands on a sheep after the bell has rung to knock off, but the men time themselves to a minute, and put on an extra spurt to beat the bell. By this means they shear many sheep in smoke-o and meal times, while the majority of blades are idle.

Every shed in the country, one might say, has had its squabbles over the wetness or non-wetness of sheep. No shearer cares to handle wet sheep—except near the cut-out, when he wants to finish and get to another shed. It is often an excellent excuse for a camp in the hut, when the work has been hard, or broken weather has caused an outbreak of that epidemic known as tired feeling. If there has been a light shower the previous day or night they go to work in the morning with speculations as to the condition of the wool. One or two sheep are shorn, and the verdict is "wet." The manager feels the sheep in the pens, and votes "dry," and there's a wrangle. The dampness or otherwise of wool is not easy to judge on a sheep's back, or when it is freshly cut. A moist atmosphere gives a clammy, wettish feeling to yolky wool. In one shed the classer took a piece of wool from an alleged wet fleece and a piece from the bins, shorn the day before, and asked the rep. which was the wet one. He tested both, and picked the one that came from the bins. At another shed, when a shower of rain had dampened things a little during the night, the manager, having a shrewd idea as to the temper of his team, hurried down early in the morning and let out the sheep that had been penned overnight, filling their places with damp sheep from the yard. The men shore them till breakfast time without protest. The pens were cut out in the second run; then the dry sheep were put in. Each shore one, and each man proclaimed his fleece wet. One fellow asserted that his particular hogget was sopping, and he'd be pick-axed if he was going to continue on sheep like that, to get rheumatism and other abominable complaints for the sake of a few bob. The sheep were turned out, and they remained out for two days. There was no dampness about them when they came back.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Aug. 29.

It is stated by Paris newspapers that M. St. Rene-Taillandier, the French Minister, failing to induce the Sultan of Morocco to release his Algerian prisoner, has been ordered to leave Fez.

Owing to the driver of an engine on a pleasure railway in the Isle of Man fainting a train was wrecked, 12 persons being badly injured.

The members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science have been feted at Maritzburg and Ladysmith, and have visited the battlefields.

Aug. 30.

Sir Horace Tozer, the Agent-General for Queensland, has secured for the Agency extra rooms in the city office, and is arranging a permanent exhibition there of Queensland's produce.

THE CHANNEL SQUADRON

GERMANY'S CORDIAL RECEPTION.

LONDON, Aug. 29.

There are many festivities at Swinemunde in honour of the Channel squadron.

A few Americans aboard a tourist steamer were hissed by their fellow-passengers for cheering the British ships.

Some of the German newspapers are ill-natured, but, on the whole, the reception exceeds that of mere official cordiality.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

IN FEDERAL SESSION

THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The second reading of the Copyright Bill was practically the only item of business on the notice paper of the Senate to-day. There was another matter which was little more than formal, the consideration of the report of the Standing Orders committee of both Houses on the question of lapsed bills. Senator Sir Josiah Symon spoke in a critical speech of what might happen in certain eventualities, but did not oppose the adoption of the proposed new Standing Orders, which are on the lines of those in force in New South Wales. They were adopted. Sir Josiah resumed the debate on the second reading of the Copyright Bill, and made an excellent scholarly speech. His main point was that he did not agree with the proposal of the bill that the period of the copyright should be for the lifetime of the author, and for 30 years thereafter, but that he would seek to have an amendment made that the term of the copyright should be for 42 years, or for the lifetime of the author, whichever should be the longer. The second reading was agreed to, and the bill was formally taken into committee. The Senate adjourned until to-morrow. It is just possible it may then adjourn for a week, as there is very little work for it to do.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The feature thus far of the debate in the House of Representatives on the Budget statement has been the speech of Mr. M'Cay, late Minister for Defence. It was delivered this afternoon, and, not excepting the Budget statement itself, stands easily first. Mr. M'Cay metaphorically took the Treasurer by the collar, and in a gentlemanly way shook him. The Treasurer did not relish the attention in the least, and interjected very testily on several occasions. Generally, Mr. M'Cay's complaint was that on great public questions, on which members are entitled to know the mind of the Government, no information was forthcoming. He also referred to Australia being decried, and mentioned that he did not agree with what was being said in derogation of this country; but, he added, we must remember that we have given some reason for it.

There was a little playful badinage concerning Sir J. Forrest's remarks about the bookkeeping sections of the Constitution, and having said all he wanted to do in a lighter vein, Mr. McCay gave the sober opinion that the bookkeeping sections could not be made an integral and permanent part of the Constitution, but as distribution on a per capita basis of surplus revenues would leave some States, notably Western Australia, in a bad plight, he would be prepared to assent to the Act, providing that the effects of the bookkeeping should be made to end by degrees, five years being the time for all the States except Western Australia, and 10 years for that State. As to the Braddon section, he realised that it was one of the safeguards which the States had against extravagance on the part of the Commonwealth, and that it would have to remain for long to come.

Then he came to the defences, and on this part of his subject there is probably no man in the House who can speak with more authority than Mr. M'Cay. He reminded the House that General Hutton had estimated that to bring Australian defences up to the proper standard would entail a cost of something like £800,000. That sum should be provided, and he would favour the raising of a loan for eight or ten years on short-dated Treasury bills, paying off a certain proportion each year, and ensuring that it should be so paid by passing an Act making it compulsory to do so.

Mr. Robinson continued the debate, and Mr. Conroy subjected political matters generally to a running criticism. Mr. Culpin having occupied the floor for a few minutes, progress was reported. The character of the day's debate was decidedly above the average. On the motion "That the House adjourn," Mr. Joseph Cook congratulated the Government in an ironical way on the debate of the day, but in earnest he scarified it for its studied silence when members wished for explanations. He pointed out that information had been asked for, but Ministers had given none. He also made allusion to the frequent absences of Labour members from the chamber, and this brought up Mr. Watson in indignant protest. He charged the Opposition with deliberate obstruction, and said he for one objected to remain in the chamber to listen to speeches having for their object the delay of business. There was an animated half-hour or so. Messrs. Conroy and Wilks, whom he had specially singled out as obstructionists, replied to him. The latter stigmatised Mr. Watson as "a scold." His speech was interrupted by a demand for a quorum, and the House was counted out at 11.45 p.m.

AMENDING ELECTORAL BILL.

In all probability the bill which has been promised by the Government to amend the Electoral Act will be introduced within the next few days. In the Senate to-day Senator Keating, hon. Minister, gave notice of motion for to-morrow for leave to introduce the bill.

ARBITRATION APPLICATION.

The Chief Registrar of the Arbitration Court gave his decision to-day on the objections lodged by the Federated Amalgamated Government Railways and Tramways Service Association of Australasia against the registration as an industrial organisation of employees of the New South Wales Traffic Employees' Association. He found that, after a careful perusal of the objections, they were not well founded. Some had already been overruled in previous cases. The other objection, "which is not covered by my previous decision, disputes the right of the general committee of the New South Wales Employees' Association to pass a resolution desiring registration of the association as an organisation of employees. In my opinion the rules of the association do authorise the general committee to pass such a resolution. The rules vest the general management of the association in the general committee, and the registration of the association as an organisation is incidental to the attainment of the object of the association. I think the general committee have ample power to do everything necessary to obtain registration." He concludes, however, by stating that apart from this objection, which he overrules, he is not satisfied that the rules of the applicant association comply with the Arbitration Act. He therefore says:—"I decide not to refuse the application, but to allow it to stand over until the rules are amended, or, if the applicant association desires it, to register the association upon an undertaking being given that the amended rules to my satisfaction will be lodged within six months from the date of the certificate. The registration is to stand over for 21 days from the date hereof, to give the objecting association the opportunity to appeal."

Wolfe's Schnapps is a mild aromatic stimulant, and is essentially suited to this climate. Ask for Wolfe's.—Advt.

THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The President took the chair at half-past 2 p.m.

FIRST COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT OPENING.

The MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, in answer to Senator Croft (W.A.), said that Mr. Tom Roberts' picture of the opening of the first Commonwealth Parliament was exhibited in the Queen's Hall so that members of Parliament might have a view of it. It would subsequently be sent to the National Gallery.

The PRESIDENT said he had received a letter from the Prime Minister to the effect that the picture would only remain in Parliament House for 14 days. During that time it would be open to view by the public on Saturdays and Mondays.

PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION.

Senator KEATING (Honorary Minister), in answer to Senator Smith (W.A.), said it was expected that the time given on Friday last for the debate on the Public Service reclassification scheme would be sufficient. It was not desired that the discussion should be in any way curtailed. If before to-morrow he could ascertain how many members still wished to speak he would make an announcement on the subject.

Senator HIGGS (Q.): You cannot go on with it until Senator Neild's motion on September 14.

Senator KEATING, in answer to Senator Pearce (W.A.), said any officer who considered that his claims had been overlooked had the right to send his statement to his chief officer, by whom it would be sent to the head of his department, and it would be forwarded thence to the Public Service Commissioner. It would be a breach of the regulations for any public servant individually, or as representing organisations, to write to or interview members of Parliament.

LAPSED BILLS.

The MINISTER FOR DEFENCE moved,—"That the report of the Standing Orders committees of the two Houses on lapsed bills be agreed to."

After a short debate the motion was passed, and the proposed new Standing Orders were adopted.

COPYRIGHT BILL.

The debate on the second reading of the Copyright Bill was resumed.

Senator Sir JOSIAH SYMON (S.A.) said it must be remembered that it was not the author who derived the most benefit from the system of copyright. It was the publisher and bookseller who did so—after the author's death. If the period of copyright was made too long he would give the copyright for a fixed period, so that there should be absolute certainty based upon the period during which the copyright should apply, and during which the author could bargain with his publisher for the remuneration to which he thought he was entitled. If the period of the copyright were made for the author's life, securing it for as definite a return as he could suggest, the greatest benefit would be given to the author. It was noteworthy that the report of the copyright committee, on which this bill was based, which sat in England from 1875 to 1878, had never been brought into law, but that the law passed in 1842, which fixed the period of a copyright for the author's life, and for seven years after, was still in force.

Senator WALKER (N.S.W.): What term would you suggest?

Senator Sir J. SYMON: The amendment which he would suggest was that copyright should subsist for 42 years after the publication, or for the author's life, whichever should be longer. The bill was one which should not be hurried through committee.

Senator WALKER said Mr. Anderson, registrar of copyright in New South Wales, had drawn the attention of the Premier of that State to the change of law which this bill would effect with regard to the Public Library in Sydney, and its receipt of newspapers. Mr. Andersen had also called attention to the fact that under the New South Wales law the copyright of designs could be registered, and this bill was silent on the matter. There was another consideration which he would like to put forward. In America no book could be copyrighted unless it was also printed in America.

Senator PEARCE said that usually there were marginal references placed opposite the clause showing the origin of the clauses. That was not done in this bill, consequently it was difficult to compare the bill with the Acts already in existence. There was one omission in the bill. In certain circumstances persons used a work of art, such as the lithograph, as a trade-mark. They could copyright it, and virtually have a monopoly for a longer period than he could have under the Trade Marks Act. The provision that the copyright should exist for the lifetime of the author, and for 30 years longer, was, in his opinion, too long, and so was the term which Senator Symon had announced his intention of proposing. Clause 33, relating to newspaper copyright, was not to his liking. In three of the States, of which New South Wales was one, there was no copyright in cablegrams, but this bill proposed to extend the law so far as those States were concerned. He would ask the Senate whether it was wise, or if any reason could be shown why in those States where cable messages were previously not protected, they should now be protected?

Senator DE LARGIE (W.A.) could not ascertain that there had been any public demand for the bill. He would like to know what it would cost to administer the Act.

After further debate the second reading was agreed to, and the bill was taken into committee.

Clause 1 was agreed to. On clause 2 progress was reported, and Senator Keating promised to bring down references showing the authorities on which the various clauses of the bill were based.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Senate, at 5.40 p.m., adjourned until half-past 2 o'clock on the following day.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 2 p.m.

OPIUM IMPORTATION.

Bulky petitions from South Australia against opium importation were presented by Sir Langdon Bonython (S.A.), Mr. Hutchison (S.A.), and Mr. Glynn (S.A.).

UNION LABEL.

The SPEAKER announced that he had found the petition to be in order which was received the previous day from the Central Council of Employers of Australia against the union label. It was therefore formally received.

RIFLES AND BAYONETS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, for the Minister for Defence, in reply to Mr. Crouch (Vic.), stated that the new short service rifles issued to the Light Horse have no cut-off. In this respect the Defence Department was following the lead of the British War Office. No bayonets were ordered with the rifles, as it was proposed to convert the triangular ones in stock.

EXPORT OF HARVESTERS.

The MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS, in reply to Mr. Robinson (Vic.), said that as far as the records showed the export of stripper harvesters from Australia since January, 1905, amounted to 252 machines. They were sent to Algeria, Argentine, Cape Colony, Italy, and Tunis. Prior to the beginning of the year the stripper harvesters were not separated from other agricultural machines in the Customs records.

SUPPLY.

The House resumed consideration in committee on supply.

Mr. O'MALLEY (Tas.) said he was glad that the Treasurer's budget was a hopeful one. That Minister had given a word of hope to the whole financial world as to the position of Australia. He was against the waste of money on the phantom military farce, which was only to create a scare. He would have the State Treasurers asked to pass Enabling Acts giving the Commonwealth Parliament power to negotiate for the redemption of debts as fast as they became due. The Commonwealth would give strength to Australia's credit.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.): How do you define credit?

Mr. O'MALLEY: Confidence. The whole financial basis of the world's business to-day practically rested on credit. Gold played an important part, but a subordinate one. The use of bills of exchange, bank notes, etc., had far more to do with the maintenance of our monetary system. England's enormous business was done on credit. What were we to be frightened about out here? He advocated the establishment of a Commonwealth bank.

Mr. M'CAY believed the principal impression left by the Treasurer's budget speech in the mind of the public was one of alarm.

The TREASURER: Where's the public mind?

Mr. M'CAY: The Treasurer did not represent it. It was deplorable that the Treasurer should speak exultingly of the falling returns to the States, and of the fact that the States must face the loss of the whole of the amount over three-fourths.

The TREASURER: Sir George Turner said that at Hobart.

Mr. M'CAY: Sir George Turner did not speak of it in tones of exultation. The Treasurer was a man notoriously not disposed to economy.

The TREASURER: My reputation will stand against yours for economy and management.

Mr. M'CAY: The Treasurer used to say in this House in a lordly manner. "What's a million?" (Laughter.) He had more than once spoken contemptuously of economy.

The TREASURER: In Western Australia they wouldn't say I was not economical. (Laughter.)

Mr. M'CAY: The Treasurer was now opposed to the continuation of the Braddon clause. (Hear, hear.)

The TREASURER: When did I say that? (Laughter.)

Mr. M'CAY: In your budget. (Renewed laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN asked the Treasurer not to interrupt.

The TREASURER: He ought to state facts.

Mr. M'CAY, continuing, said the Commonwealth was now to be called on for a large expenditure on account of works and buildings in Western Australia. They were paying for Western Australia because the right hon. gentleman had been so economical when he was there that he left the work for the Commonwealth to do.

The TREASURER (angrily): I take exception to that statement. (Laughter.)

Mr. M'CAY said that apparently nothing he could say would satisfy the Treasurer. (Laughter.) He said the Treasurer was not economical, and he was annoyed; he said he was economical, and he complained. (Renewed laughter.) Vague statements such as the Treasurer had made were of no use to the Commonwealth. His significant change of mind over the Braddon clause was one to cause alarm. Taxpayers said there must be some check on the Federal expenditure. Fancy the Federal Parliament with the Braddon clause removed.

Mr. PAGE (Q.): Sir John Forrest as Treasurer. (Laughter.)

Mr. M'CAY: There was always an irresistible temptation to spend money. The taxpayers and the State Parliaments looked to the Braddon clause or something like it to safeguard them.

The TREASURER: I hope you don't wish to infer that I want to give less to the States. I want to give them as much as I can.

Mr. M'CAY: The right hon. gentleman means to say as much as he can spare. (Laughter.) The sugar bounty had done a great deal in the direction that was anticipated.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK (N.S.W.): White is increasing, but black isn't decreasing.

Mr. M'CAY: The percentage of white sugar is doubled. A renewal of bounties was asked for. It was evident they could not be suddenly terminated. Victoria was, as a matter of pounds, shillings, and pence, paying heavily, but the bounties would have to be extended. A sliding scale would be necessary.

Mr. HARPER (Vic.): Taper it off.

Mr. M'CAY: On the question of the defence policy, he was sorry to see a reduction in the Estimates. He didn't quarrel with those who held that the main defence was on the sea. An Australian navy, unless equal to the navy of a second-rate Power, would be no substantial protection. Australia, instead of being a source of weakness to the Empire, on account of distance, could be made a source of strength. Foreign nations were acquiring naval bases in the southern seas, and we must realise that this Australia of ours was no longer that distant and consequently protected portion of the world it once was. Like the outposts of an army, Australia must be made safe. (Hear, hear.) They should be able to say to the Empire, your Imperial fleet requires secure bases to which it can resort whenever occasion demands. (Hear, hear.) It was only on the remote chance of British supremacy on the seas being threatened that Australia would be left unprotected. They must provide for the security of the commercial centres of life, coaling ports, and so forth. (Hear, hear.) Australia had done that. Invasion by large armies for the purpose of occupation had to be set aside as beyond the bounds of our capacity to cope with at present. There might be raids, flying raids by sea attack. Only the land forces and fixed defences—which should include proper electric organisation—were means by which we could do our part in strengthening the Empire's outposts. (Hear, hear.) There must be garrison at all vulnerable points to resist first attacks, and movable forces to shift to places where an attack was developed. It was a strategical necessity with Australia's great littoral. Mr. O'Malley made the remarkable deduction that because armaments were continually changing we should have none at all. (Laughter.) He certainly did not agree with that. If Australia was to rearm according to the latest ideas it would mean a couple of hundred thousand pounds a year for big guns alone. They could not do it.

Mr. PAGE: Surely you don't mean we shouldn't have the best.

Mr. M'CAY: We must cut our coat according to our cloth. The coast should rearm around the line from time to time, the displaced guns going to points where they would be still efficient. That was what he had intended while in office. Rifle clubs should have full equipment. It was the thoroughly equipped force that was the power at the outset of a campaign, with thoroughly equipped leaders. (Hear, hear.) He urged the Government to get that done. And next to that, electric light organisations and quick-firing guns. Torpedoes, torpedo boats, and booms were also necessary. The thorough equipment of the field forces and forts were the two essentials with the addition of auxiliary floating harbour defences. To enable Australia to carry out her duty to herself and her duty to the Empire, there must be a definite object in view, not a policy of leaving one thing unfinished and beginning another. (Hear, hear.) He was against borrowing, but small yearly drafts would enable the thing to be done properly, therefore they should take the bull by the horns. General Hutton's scheme to complete, he estimated, would cost about £800,000. They should say, we will discount the bill for the amount necessary, and pay it back in instalments during the next eight or ten years, and get things on a proper footing. After which they could continue them themselves. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. ROBINSON (Vic.), on the question of State debts, said it was the most pressing question that confronted Australia. A firm policy on the part of the Federal Government as to the taking over of the debts was required, and also as to the providing of a sinking fund, and limiting further borrowing as much as possible. In regard to immigration of people under contract, he suggested that the statistics of the States as to the standard rates of wages, should be in the hands of the Agents-General or the High Commissioner, and if it were found that a man was coming out under contract at the standard rates he could come right away. He was against the continuation of the sugar bonus, and advocated the maintenance of £6 per ton on imports, and £4 per ton excise on black-grown, and £3 on white-grown sugar.

Mr. CONROY said the Commonwealth White Australia legislation was the greatest piece of humbug and hypocrisy that had been perpetrated. The States of their own accord had legislated against alien immigration long before the Commonwealth was formed. (Interruption from the Labour benches.) He referred to the Russo-Japanese settlement, and thought it would be wise if the Ministry reconsidered the treaty with Japan, which, if they had chosen to accept it, would have given the same results as had been obtained by other means.

Mr. POYNTON (S.A.): The Japanese will have enough to worry them for some time to come.

At 10 o'clock, after Mr. Conroy had been speaking for about an hour, he called the Chairman's attention to the state of the House. He said he regretted the condition of demoralisation into which Parliament had fallen. A quorum was then obtained.

Mr. CONROY, continuing, speaking in reference to the budget, said that, judging by the silence of members of the caucus party, they might be absolutely ignorant.

Mr. WILKS (N.S.W.): There's no might about it. (Interruption.)

The CHAIRMAN called upon Mr. Wilks to withdraw.

Mr. WILKS considered he had nothing to withdraw, and refused.

The Chairman, asking him several times to do so, a pause ensued, while the Chairman consulted a volume in front of him. Members called upon Mr. Wilks to withdraw, and he eventually did so, after further argument with the Chairman.

Mr. CONROY regretted that there was no provision in the Estimates for more Judges. Additional appointments were necessary to prevent delay in appeals, resulting in chaos. He viewed with a considerable amount of dismay the very great tendency to increase the military vote.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the adjournment being moved at 11.15 p.m.,

Mr. JOSEPH COOK said he thought it was time some protest should be made against the scandalous way in which the business was being neglected by members. Labour members were constantly absent, and Parliament was not giving due attention to the important speeches that were made.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) said that since the new Government had been formed there had been nothing but obstruction on the part of the Opposition. Shoutings were not speeches, and from the greater number of members on that side there was nothing but obstructing and stonewalling.

Mr. CONROY: It is untrue.

The SPEAKER called on Mr. Conroy to withdraw.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK asked if Mr. Watson was in order in implying stonewalling. (Interruption.)

When order was restored,

Mr. WATSON said he considered he was free to stay away from the House if he liked, especially when it was to get away from the uninteresting drivel from the Opposition side. Apart from the Government position, every member was interested in seeing business conducted in the best manner possible. The leader of the Opposition had stated that he had never received fairer treatment than he had from those in Opposition to his Government.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK: I don't believe it.

Mr. WATSON: The week before last there had been obstructive and stonewalling tactics from the Opposition. Speeches were made palpably with the object of filling in time. (Interruption.) Mr. Cook referred to the absence of Labour members from the Chamber. He might have first referred to the absence of Opposition members. He did not regard himself as under any obligation to listen to uninteresting speeches. A conspiracy of silence had been alleged. On the last Estimates debate he did not remember Government members jumping up and saying one word to refute the remarks of their critics.

Mr. WILKS referred to the subjects taken up by the various speakers during the debate, and objected that there had been stonewalling.

At 11.40 p.m. the Speaker's attention was called to the fact that there was no quorum. After time elapsed, and the requisite number did not appear, the House adjourned at a quarter to 12.

PERSONAL.

The Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. Groom, will leave Melbourne on Saturday for Sydney. While here he will give attention to several departmental matters.

Alderman W. E. V. Robson, M.L.A., was congratulated at the Ashfield council meeting on Tuesday evening on his return to the Assembly, all the aldermen expressing their pleasure at the election of a local man to represent the district in Parliament.

Archbishop Dunne will leave Brisbane by the mail train to-day for Sydney to attend the third Plenary Council of the Roman Catholic Church of Australia. He will be accompanied by the Rev. Father Breen, representative of the priests of the archdiocese, and the Rev. Father Fouhey, the archbishop's chaplain.

The vacancy in the North Botany Council, caused by the death of Alderman Reeve, has been filled by the return of ex-Alderman A. W. Sparks. Some six months ago when Alderman Sparks was Mayor he was challenged by Alderman Laycock during a dispute at a council meeting to resign his seat, along with Alderman Laycock, and submit the matter to the ratepayers of South Ward, which ward both aldermen represented at the time. The challenge was accepted, and the election resulted in the defeat of Alderman Sparks.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present at the council chambers, Newcastle yesterday afternoon, when a presentation from ladies of Newcastle was made to Miss Walsh, matron of the local hospital, who is leaving for Sydney. The Mayor and other gentlemen referred in eulogistic terms to the services rendered to the sick and suffering during the ten years Miss Walsh had been at the hospital. The Mayoress (Mrs. M. J. Moroney), on behalf of the ladies present, stated all were convinced the institution had never been better managed than it had during the past decade. It was a source of satisfaction to know that the hospital had always been kept in thorough order by the matron, that the duties had been performed with kindliness and tact, and that she had won the affection and goodwill of patients and nurses, the esteem of the medical staff, and the respect of all classes of the community. The Mayoress then handed Miss Walsh a purse containing 80 sovereigns, and wished her every success in Sydney. Miss Walsh expressed her sincere thanks. Miss Walsh has also been the recipient of a purse of sovereigns from the medical staff of the hospital, and several valuable presents from the nurses.

Many railway men will learn with regret of the death of Mr. W. T. Sorrell, an old officer, for many years sub-inspector of the Permanent Way Department at Bourke. Owing to failing health he retired from the service some three years ago, and the illness from which he suffered culminated in his death yesterday at his home, Glen Ayr, Salisbury-road, Stanmore.

The death of Mr. John Vincent Casey, a partner of the firm of Messrs. Dalton Bros., merchants, of Pitt-street, occurred at an early hour yesterday morning. The deceased gentleman left his home at Strathfield in apparently his usual state of health, but as the train was nearing Redfern station he expired suddenly. He was attended by Dr. Odillo Maher, who was also a passenger in the train. The late Mr. Casey was about 42 years of age, and leaves a widow and eight children. He was widely respected, his philanthropic actions gaining for him many friends. In church work the late Mr. Casey took a prominent part, and it was mainly to his efforts that St. Martha's Church, Homebush, owed its existence. The deceased was a nephew of the late Mr. Thomas Dalton, M.L.C. The body was removed to his late residence, Boulevard, Strathfield.

GOVERNMENT AND THE LABOUR PARTY.

HOURS OF WORKING.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the House of Representatives to-day,

Mr. WILKS (N.S.W.) referred to a statement that had appeared in Melbourne papers which dealt with the Prime Minister's recent announcement that 11.30 p.m. was to be the hour for adjournment in future. Mr. Wilks read the paragraph as follows:—"The Federal Labour party is prepared to support the Prime Minister in any measures he may see fit to take to secure speedier progress with the legislation in the House of Representatives. If the Opposition resents the new rule members of the party are willing to assist the Government by providing relays to form a quorum during any all-night sittings." (Loud laughter from the Opposition benches.)

Mr. JOSEPH COOK (N.S.W.): Any extra pay for all this?

Mr. WILKS, continuing reading: "All-night sittings which may become necessary. Labour members freely say that Mr. Deakin must be prepared to fight the organised obstruction of the Opposition without mercy for the rest of the session if he is to see the legislation now in suspense passed into law. The policy of 'graceful concession' must be frankly abandoned when dealing with the Cooks, Wilks, or Sydney Smiths." (Loud laughter and interruption.) When interruption subsided Mr. Wilks said he desired to ask the Prime Minister if there was any foundation for the assertion that he had made or was making an arrangement with that section of his supporters known as the Labour party acting as galley slaves of the Government, and which might be desirous of suppressing the right of free criticism and the rights of members in the House. (Laughter.)

The PRIME MINISTER said it rested with him to say that he took exception to the inference. The paragraph was published without his knowledge. If it was correct it was new to him.

Mr. WILKS: Do you think it is correct?

The PRIME MINISTER had not seen any ground for it. Members were aware there was an arrangement with the Opposition the previous night as to the adjournment at half-past 11, and he was taken by surprise by Mr. O'Malley asking for it earlier. He could not refuse that member what he had agreed to give the Opposition.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 29.

King Alfonso of Spain has joined the astronomers who from many nations have arrived at Burgos to witness the eclipse of the sun. Several observatories have been established in Algeria and at Palmas, Majorca.

The sun was totally eclipsed yesterday, the central line of totality crossing Labrador, Spain, Algiers, Tunis, and Egypt. It began at 11.49 p.m., the greatest phase of totality being at 1.3 p.m., and it ended at 2.15 p.m., all English time. Speaking at a recent meeting of the British Astronomical Association, the president said that this would be the first eclipse for a long time occurring at sunspot maximum in a fairly accessible region. The 1905 eclipse was in Norway in 1851 and would be in Spain, on this occasion. The 1860 eclipse was in Spain, and when it returned in 1914 it would be total in Norway.

If you cannot get Wolfe's Schnapps in one house it is much better for you to go where you can get it.—Advt.

CYCLONIC STORM.

FIERCE GALES ON THE COAST.

A VELOCITY OF 51 MILES.

VERY HEAVY SEAS RUNNING.

The cyclonic disturbance, the approach of which was notified in yesterday's issue of the "Herald," reached the coast of New South Wales yesterday, and exceptionally boisterous conditions ruled throughout the day. By 9 o'clock in the morning the centre of the storm was operating in the vicinity of Jervis Bay, and during the afternoon extended along the coast northwards, bringing up very heavy seas.

A telegram from Jervis Bay at 3.10 yesterday afternoon stated that a strong south-westerly gale was raging, with thick rain and rough seas, while a further message at 4.30 p.m. announced: "A south-westerly heavy gale, with fierce squalls. Raining. Sea high."

Although the conditions at South Head were rough, the weather to the southward was of a much more boisterous character, and it is feared that the conditions over the Tasman Sea are of a dangerous nature.

The greatest velocity attained by the wind yesterday, according to the instruments at the Observatory, was 51.4 miles per hour, but the force of the gale subsequently moderated to a slight extent. As a result of the high winds there was a considerable swell in the harbour, while outside the conditions were anything but pleasant, and numbers of small vessels sought shelter in the different bays and inlets.

The huge 7000-ton liner Kanowna, of the A.U.S.N. Company's fleet, left Sydney yesterday for Melbourne, Adelaide, and Fremantle in the teeth of the gale, and the passengers are not to be envied. It is expected that the winds to-day will veer round to the southward, and will moderate considerably, but the seas will be even more angry than they were yesterday.

RAIN OVER HALF THE STATE.

From the reports furnished from all parts of the State to the Observatory yesterday, it appears that the rain area on the southern districts expanded and extended beyond the Lachlan and to the central-western slopes and northern tablelands late on Tuesday or early yesterday morning. Snow fell coincident with a drop in temperature along the highlands and over the western slopes from the New England country to the Victorian border. The winds were strong and boisterous, and through the agency of squalls showers were conveyed from the main rain areas west of the highlands to many places on the coast and eastern slopes.

The rainfalls were light to moderate in character, and, besides the snow, were also associated with thunder and hail at several places in the south. Over that part of the western division lying to the east of the Darling the falls ranged from 1 point at Cobar to 25 at Pooncarie. In Riverina from 2 to 26 points fell north of the Murrumbidgee, and to the south from 17 to 51 points at Henty.

On the central-western plains the totals varied from 3 to 15 points, and over the central tablelands from 3 points to 50 at Carcoar. Along the northern tablelands falls of from 2 to 20 points fell. On the south-western slopes and over the southern tablelands the totals were generally useful, 93 points at Tumbarumba being the heaviest fall. Kiandra had 85, Gunning 81, Adelong and Tarcutta 73 points each, Germanton and Tumut 60 each, and so on down to a minimum of about a quarter of an inch.

Over the south coastal districts 65 points fell at Candelo, 50 at Bega, and 22 at Bateman's Bay. In the Hunter district light falls varying from 3 to 9 points, fell at about half a dozen places, while on the north coast an isolated fall of 30 points was registered at Casino.

Light misty, squally showers were experienced in the metropolitan area, but the only amount recorded was 1 point at the Observatory.

During the course of yesterday afternoon there were more light rains over a large area, particularly in the south.

SNOW ALONG THE ENTIRE RANGES.

There was a remarkable fall of snow yesterday along the whole of the tablelands and parts of the western slopes, extending from the Queensland to the Victorian border. According to the reports received at the Observatory, the falls were uniformly light, but at the same time it is seldom that snow storms are of such an extensive character. The fall at Cooma is described as the heaviest experienced for four years.

Snow is not frequent at this late stage of winter, still the falls of yesterday do not by any means constitute a record, for the data in the possession of the Observatory authorities show that falls have been experienced as late in the year as October.

By 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the snow on the tablelands had reached Emmaville, a few miles from the Queensland border, and at 3 p.m. snow was falling at Armidale, Cooma, Carcoar, Glen Innes, Goulburn, Hill End, Katoomba, Nimitybelle, Orange, and Queanbeyan.

Last night further snow falls were reported at Cooma, Kiandra, Armidale, and Mount Victoria.

ACCIDENTS ON THE HARBOUR.

The full force of the severe south-westerly gale was felt on the harbour yesterday, and as a result small craft were very severely handled.

A small oil launch named the Foam, of about 30 tons, belonging to Mr. Jones, a resident of Watson's Bay, broke loose from her moorings in the bay at 2.30 yesterday afternoon, and was driven ashore on the rocks. With the assistance of some fishermen, the little craft was subsequently secured and taken to a position of safety. The Foam was not extensively damaged.

Shortly before 9 o'clock last night, during a sudden squall, a small yacht broke away from her moorings in Watson's Bay, and was carried high and dry on to the beach. On examination it was found that her sides had been stove-in. The name of the owner of the yacht has not yet been ascertained.

The Superintendent of Navigation, Captain Edie, was yesterday informed by Captain Dugald Smith, the master of the steam collier Currajong, that when entering port at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning he passed a sunken boat about 20ft in length between the Heads. The craft was floating bottom upwards.

VESSELS SHELTERING.

Quite a fleet of small vessels, both steam and sail, is sheltering along the coast, and no doubt the boisterous conditions will interfere considerably with shipping operations for a day or two.

The steamer Wyrallah, of Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co.'s fleet, which left Newcastle with a cargo of coal on Tuesday, consigned to Melbourne, sought refuge yesterday in Bateman's Bay, and the steam collier Glaucus, of 1363 tons, belonging to Messrs. McIlwraith, McEacharn, and Co.'s line, also bound from Newcastle to Melbourne, ran into Eden at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

INTERVIEW WITH THE METEOROLOGIST.

Mr. H. A. Hunt, the Acting Government Meteorologist, when seen last night in regard to the weather conditions, said:—

"The cyclonic disturbance passed through the Straits during Tuesday night, and at 9 a.m. on Wednesday the centre was off Jervis Bay. It has undergone slight intensification during transit, the lowest barometer reading being 29.49, as against 29.52 on Monday.

"The isobaric gradients have still further steepened, under the more rapid advance of the high pressure. The present cold, boisterous conditions promise to continue, but will gradually moderate.

"More rain is looked for in the southern districts, along the western slopes and highlands, and on parts of the coast.

"Dangerous conditions will be encountered between Sydney and the South Island of New Zealand.

"The seas will increase on Thursday, but the wind will veer round more to the southward, and will moderate in force."

FALLS OF SNOW.

MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE.

HEAVIEST FALL OF SNOW FOR FOUR YEARS.

COOMA, Wednesday.

The heaviest fall of snow that has occurred at Cooma during the past four years took place last night. The ground was covered to a depth of 8in this morning. The bulk of the snow fell between 11 o'clock and midnight. There were further light falls, accompanied by a keen southerly wind, this morning.

The whole of the landscape presents a picturesque appearance. A thick mantle of snow is covering everything that was exposed. The snow will prove a great benefit, no rain having fallen for several weeks.

The district stations report snowfalls as follow this morning:—Kiandra 18in, Rhine Falls 1ft, Nimitybelle 2in, Adaminaby 3in, Coolringdon 4in, Ironmongie 6in, Haseldean 7in, Woodstock 3in, Harlowe 4in. There are drifts 2ft deep.

We are at a loss to know why people should allow themselves to be imposed upon by imitations of Wolfe's Schnapps.—Advt.

SHIPPING..

ARRIVALS.—Aug. 30.

Wimmera, s, 2969 tons, Captain W. J. Wyllie, from Wellington and other New Zealand ports. Passengers—Messrs. G. Gamble, Price, Jameson, Elworthy, Seagar, Stringer, Moore, Ashby, Morrison, Williams, E. Parish, Westerton (2), Adams, Parsons, Hislop, Dwan, Border, Clark, Ramsden, Young, Curran, E. Pauling, Bundley, Stephenson, Malun, Dulton, Erickson, Captain Grainger, Dr. Todd, Derrick, Rev. Marion, Rev. Tenoyl, Eccles, Robe, Rutledge, Beard, Mitchell, Discociati, Mesdames Jameson, Stringer, Moore, Westerton, Adams, Robe and child, Foster, Dwan and child, Holder, Sexton, Vaughan and child, McDougall and 2 children, Kendall, Beard, Jones and family, Derrick, Misses Smithson (2), Craig, Westerton (2), Kirk, Beard, Spillane, Mitchell, and 52 in the steerage. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited, agents.

Sydney, s, 634 tons, Captain H. Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, Limited, agents.

Wyoming, s, 250 tons, Captain Lundie, from Richmond River, via Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Aug. 30.

Kanowna, s, for Fremantle, via ports.
Mokoia, s, for Auckland.
Star of England, s, for South Africa, via Melbourne.
Karori, s, for Strahan, via Newcastle.
Wimmera, s, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Aug. 31.

Oonah, s, for Hobart; Ripple, s, for Moruya and Bermagui; Coomonderry, s, for Moruya; Bega, s, for Eden, via ports; City of Grafton, s, for Richmond River; Bellinger, s, for Camden Haven, Kew, and Kendall; Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company's steamer for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—Aug. 30.

Mokoia, s, 3502 tons, Captain R. E. Smith, for Auckland and New Zealand ports. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bloomfield and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Button, Dr. and Mrs. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Gower; Mesdames Robert Neill, Winstone and child, Sturrock, Forbes, Robertson; Misses Cross, Seccombe, Knight, Seccombe, Robertson, Croxton, Cooke, Davie, Dennis, Mohr, Fawcus; Messrs. H. H. Davis, Lieut. Rodgers, Tewsley, H. R. Gatley, Gibbons, C. Newton, E. G. Morley, J. Cahill, C. H. Cranby, H. Johnson, Geo. Roberts, J. M'Kinnon, A. V. Laurie Rhodes, N. F. Jamieson, R. Bramwell, J. R. De Costa, Hawkins, Master Hawkins, W. Shier; and 41 in the steerage.

Kanowna, s, 6976 tons, Captain J. Watt, for Fremantle, via ports, with passengers.

Wimmera, s, 2960 tons, Captain W. Wyllie, for Newcastle, with through cargo.

IMPORTS.—Aug. 30.

Wimmera, s, from New Zealand ports: 900 sks oats, 375 cs milk, 152 bls skins, 225 sks g. seed, 335 bls hemp, 56 bls wool, 21 csks pelts, 25 ewes, 1 horse, [illegible] ingots zinc, 85 bgs hides, 10 cs typewriters, 72 coils rope, 2 boats, 55 bls tow, 195 sks copra, 2 crts incubators, transhipments ex Essex, and quantity of sundries.

Empire, s, from Yokohama, via ports: 591 pkgs 2 cs 153 bxs tea, 1007 cs Chinese goods, 107 bls 194 pkgs blinds, 38 bls braid, 5295 bgs rice, 10 pkgs 20 cs curios, 16 pkgs braids, 2 bxs 5 cs opium, 16 hides, 9600 bgs sugar, 34 bls 11 pkgs baskets, 66 pkgs rattanware, 87 cs matches, 47 pkgs japan ware, 10 cs tumeric powder, 95 bgs tin ore, 20 pkgs brushes and bags, 290 bgs copper ore, 159 pkgs ginger, 28 cs cotton goods, 500 cs fish oil, and sundries.

Uganda, s, from Calcutta, via ports: 4000 bgs rice, 1 cs lubricating oil. For Melbourne: 800 bgs paraffine wax, 1000 bgs rice, 8448 cs candles; also, 2017 pkgs through merchandise for New Zealand.

Wyoming, s, from Richmond River, via Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour: 71,000ft of sawn timber and sundries.

Aug. 31.

Himalaya, R.M.S., from London, via ports: 80 pkgs steel tyres, 526 pkgs iron, 15 pkgs steel bars, 14 pkgs photo. plates, 20 pkgs compositions, 30 pkgs steel joists, 300 pkgs steel, 11 pkgs wire and rope, 10 pkgs blacking, 814 rls wire, 917 pkgs hoops and studs, 350 cs brandy, 22 cs wine, 48 pkgs books, 53 pkgs machinery, 2163 rls wire netting, 250 cs condensed milk, 607 pkgs naval stores, 10 pkgs e. plate, 30 pkgs periodicals, 20 pkgs cottons, 20 pkgs cloves, 1198 bdls rails, 10 pkgs felt hats, 45 pkgs varnish, 1 cs pianos, 142 pkgs gal. iron, 1129 pkgs tea, and sundries; also a large cargo for transhipment.

Customs-house.—Entered outwards: Aug. 30, Uganda, s, for Wellington; Empire, s, for Melbourne; Wimmera, s, for Wellington.

The steamer Wimmera, the latest addition to the fleet of Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited, was an early arrival at Sydney yesterday from Wellington, with a large company of passengers. She sailed from the New Zealand port at 9 o'clock on Saturday night last, entered Sydney Heads at 4.15 a.m. yesterday, and berthed at the company's wharf at 5.20 a.m. Captain Wyllie states that moderate head winds and seas were experienced on the trip across.

The French steamer Breiz Isel, of the Commonwealth line, now in port at Newcastle, has been fixed to sail from Sydney about the 7th Sept.

Captain R. Archer, who was in command of the Orient-Pacific liner Orizaba when she was wrecked off Fremantle, is now in charge of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer Oropesa, trading between Liverpool and the west coast of South America.

Captain Nordstrum, who recently retired from the Union Steamship Company, after many years' service, intends to reside in Auckland.

A large number of skilled artisans and others are busily employed at Dunedin at the overhaul to the U.S.S. Company's steamship Mararoa.

Up to the present time some 30 steamers have been fitted with Parson's turbine machinery, representing a total of 1,000,000 horse-power. At present seven large additional steamers are building, all of which are to be similarly equipped. The combined register of these vessels is 70,000 tons.

During the first six months of the present year 2290 vessels passed through the Suez Canal, the receipts for dues amounting to 50,497,340 francs. For the corresponding period last year 2051 vessels used the canal, whilst in 1903 the number for the first six months was only 1881.

Advices received at Sydney yesterday stated that the captain and crew of the barque Anjou, wrecked in February last on the Auckland Islands, reached Marseilles about the beginning of July, having been conveyed from Colombo to that port by the French Steamer Ernest Simons. The castaways, it will be remembered, remained on an uninhabited island for three months before being rescued, and subsisted on the stores in the provision depots established for the relief of shipwrecked crews.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Himalaya, from London, via ports, is due at Sydney to-day. She signalled Wilson's Promontory at 9.55 on Tuesday night.

The R.M.S. Orotava, from Sydney, bound to Brisbane, passed Richmond River Heads at 4.25 p.m. yesterday, and is due at the northern port this morning.

The R.M.S. Miowera will be berthed at Flood's wharf, Circular Quay, at 9 a.m. to-day to load for Vancouver.

The R.M.S. Sonoma is due at Sydney to-morrow from San Francisco, via ports.

The G.M.S. Seydlitz, from Bremen and Southampton, via ports, is due at Sydney early this morning and will berth at the Quay immediately on arrival.

The G.M.S. Karlsruhe, from Bremen and Southampton, bound to Sydney, left Suez on Monday last.

THE EDWARD DETAILLE SPOKEN.

Captain W. J. Wyllie, commander of the Huddart, Parker liner Wimmera, which arrived at Sydney from Wellington early yesterday morning, reports having passed the French barque Edward Detaille (TQZK), bound east, in lat. 38.20 south and long. 164.35 east, on Monday last, 28th inst. She wished to be reported "all well."

The Edward Detaille sailed from Newcastle on Thursday last for Astoria.

THE MONOWAI TO BE REPLACED.

According to a communication received at Sydney yesterday the relegation of the Monowai to the coastal service of New Zealand seems to be contemplated by the Union Company, and goes to show how quickly vessels occupying the highest place on the list may be superseded by others of a larger and more modern type. Mr. Jas. Mills, speaking at Auckland a few days ago in regard to the company's new steamers, said that the Atua will trade between Sydney, the Islands, and Auckland, replacing the Hauroto, which will probably be sold. The Maheno will very likely relieve the Monowai in the intercolonial trade, and the latter vessel will then be placed on the East Coast trade, relieving the Tarawera.

DAMAGED CARGO OF THE SOMERSET.

The agents of the New Zealand and South African Steamship Company, having made inquiries concerning the press cablegram, dated August 8, to the effect that a portion of the consignment of meat by the steamer Somerset had been condemned at Liverpool as spotty, have received a reply stating that out of the whole cargo only about 100 carcases of lambs were found to be damaged, and there was every reason for believing that this damage had taken place before the carcases were shipped.

NEW STEAMER FOR AUCKLAND.

The general manager of the Northern Steamship Company of Auckland is in receipt of cable advice from Mr. George Gow, superintending engineer of the company, who is at present in Glasgow watching the construction of the company's new steamers, stating that the first of the sister ships, the Aupouri, was to be launched by Messrs. D. J. Dunlop and Co., of Port Glasgow, within a few days. The Aupouri will be ready for sea in about three weeks after her launching, and is expected to arrive in Auckland before the end of the year. Aupouri is the name of the native tribe residing in the districts between Kaitaia and the North Cape. The Ngatiawa, sister ship to the Aupouri, is called after the native tribe in the Whakatane district. The principal dimensions of the Aupouri are—length overall 152ft, beam 27ft, depth (moulded) 10ft 2in, cargo capacity 300 tons. She will carry 100 tons dead-weight cargo on a light draught of 8ft 9in. Commodious passenger accommodation is provided, and the electric light is installed throughout the vessel. The Aupouri is the second of three boats ordered recently by the Northern Company. The Apanui, a slightly smaller vessel, was launched some time ago, and is now on her way to Auckland. The construction of the Ngatiawa will not be commenced until next year.

THE SHARK ISLAND LIGHT.

The light on Shark Island again failed at 9 o'clock last night, and the lightship signalled to the pilot steamer, notifying the fact. The Captain Cook proceeded to the island, and remedied matters.

ACCIDENT TO THE WINFIELD.

The Adelaide Company's steamer Winfield was yesterday floated into Woolwich Dock for repairs. It appears that while berthing at the company's wharf on Tuesday her propeller struck one of the piles, with the result that one of the blades was broken.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

GOODE ISLAND (2000 miles).—Passed: Aug. 30, Aparima, s, bound for Auckland.

CAPE CAPRICORN.—Arr: Aug. 30, Wawoon, from south.

MARYBOROUGH (680 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Konoowarra, s, from Brisbane.

CAIRNS (1000 miles).—Dep: Aug. 30, Tainan, s, for the south. Arr: Ouraka, s, from south.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Gabo, s, from Townsville. Dep: Gabo, s, for Sydney.

TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Admiral, ktch, at 7.15 a.m.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331 miles).—Dep: Aug. 30, Ramornie, s, at 8.25 a.m. Passed: Orotava, R.M.S., at 4.25 p.m., north; Warrego, s, at 8.50 a.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Dep: Aug. 30, Kyogle, s, at 8.45 a.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Passed: Aug. 30, Wyandra, s, at 4.30 p.m., Buninyong, s, at 5 p.m., Varsin, s, at 6 p.m., a large steamer, yellow funnel, at 6 p.m., all north; a steamer, like Arawatta, at 4 p.m., south.

COFF'S HARBOUR (237 miles.)—Dep: Aug. 30, Nymboida, s, at 6.30 a.m., for Sydney.

BELLINGER HEADS (230 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Rosedale, s, at 5 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Premier, ktch, at 9 a.m., for Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (228 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Nerong, s, at 8.20 a.m., from Sydney; Volunteer, tug, at 5.40 p.m. Dep: Thistle, tug, at 6 a.m., for Bellinger River.

TRIAL BAY (209 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Bombo, s, at 2.55 p.m.; Burrawong, s, at 4.5 p.m.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: Aug. 30, Lansdowne, ktch, at 6.30 a.m.; a ketch like Australian and Harold, ktch, both at 9 a.m.; Macleay, s, at 11 a.m.; a steamer like Wardha, at 3.55 p.m.; a tug boat and Fiona, s, both at 3.50 p.m.; Kallatina, s, at 5.15 p.m., all north; Pretoria, s, at 1.30 p.m.; a large steamer, yellow funnel, at 1.20 p.m.; a steamer, black funnel, white band, at 3 p.m.; Kyogle, s, at 5.15 p.m., all south.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Forbes, ktch, at 6.40 a.m.; Hastings, s, at 4.15 p.m.

TACKING POINT (169 miles).—Passed: Aug. 30, Friendship, s, at 9.45 a.m., Leura, s, at 10 a.m., Tomki, s, at 1.25 a.m., a small tugboat at 11.25 a.m., Noorebar, s, at 4.25 p.m., all north; Innamincka, s, at 12.10 p.m.; Nymboida, s, at 4.50 p.m., both south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (150 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Alma Doepel, sch, at 7.40 a.m.; Isabella de Fraine, ktch, at 9 a.m.

CROWDY HEADS (147 miles).—Passed: Aug. 30, City of Grafton, s, at 12.20 p.m., a large steamer, at 2.15 p.m., both south; Trilby, s, at 2.15 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Murray, s, at 6.30 a.m.; Kincumber, s, at 7 a.m.; Alfred Fenning, ktch, at 7.15 a.m.; Annie, ktch, at 8.15 a.m.; Enterprise, sch, at 9.15 a.m.

CAPE HAWKE (125 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Candidate, ktch, at 7 a.m.; Commonwealth, s, at 4 p.m.; Willinga, sch, at 6.15 p.m.; Jubilee, sch, anchored in bay at 5.45 p.m. Dep: Tuncurry, s, at 9.15 a.m., for Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS (100 miles).—Aug. 30, Federal, sch, and S. A. Hayward, ktch, both weatherbound, at 10.15 a.m. Passed: Aug. 30, Cooloon, s, at 3 p.m.; Dorrigo, s, at 4.50 p.m.; Augusta, s, at 5 p.m., all north; City of Grafton, s, at 5.15 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Hastings, s, at 5 a.m., from Sydney; Carbine, s, at 10.30 a.m.; Wollumbin, s, and Corra Lynn, s, both at anchor in Shoal Bay; a ketch like Annie at anchor in Fly road. Passed: Aug. 30, Aleda, sch, at 5.5 p.m., north; Duroby, s, at 9 a.m., Tuncurry, s, at 2.15 p.m., both south.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Wallsend, s, Newcastle, s, Noorebar, s, Cooloon, s, Moorabool, s, Augusta, s, Countess of Errol, sch, Dorrigo, s, Naiad, ship, Jones Brothers, sch, Helen Nicoll, s, Civility, s, Sphia Ann, s, all from Sydney; Islands, s, from Melbourne; Dilkera, s, from Melbourne. Dep: Aug. 30, Wallsend, s, Newcastle, s, for Sydney; Noorebar, s, Coloon, s, for Byron Bay; Carbine, s, for Port Stephens; Augusta, s, for the Tweed River; Dorrigo, s, for Port Macquarie; Defiance, bqtne, for Auckland, with 700 tons coal; Helen Nicol, s, Civility, s, Hobart, s, Jones Brothers, s, for Sydney.

SOUTH HEAD (4 miles).—Passed: Aug. 30, Dilkera, s, at 12.50 p.m., north.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Timaru, s, at 8 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Palmerston, s, at 12.30 p.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA (59 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Kiama, s, at 1 a.m., from Newcastle.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Illawarra, s, at 9 a.m., from Sydney; Wootton, s, weatherbound.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Aug. 29, a ketch, like Arab, put into bay during night. Dep: Aug. 30, a yacht, painted white, at 9.20 a.m., bound north. Passed, a steamer, like New Guinea, at 11 a.m.; Eurobodalla, s, at 1.30 p.m., both south.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Aug. 30, Wyrallah, s, sheltering in bay.

EDEN (210 miles).—Aug. 30, Glaucus, put in for shelter, at 4.30 p.m. Dep: Eden, s, at 7 a.m., for Sydney.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (428 miles).—Passed outward: Aug. 29, Himalaya, R.M.S., at 9.55 p.m., a steamer, at 11.10 p.m.; a large steamer, at 11.25 p.m. Aug. 30, Norkoowa, s, at 6.55 a.m.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Coogee, s, from Launceston: Talyuan, s, from Hongkong. Dep: Warrimoo, s, for Hobart; Coogee, s, for Launceston; Peregrine, s, and Thode Fagelund, s, both for Sydney, Grantala, s, for Adelaide.

HOBART (648 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Asie, bq, at 9.45 a.m., from Havre.

LOW HEAD (509 miles).—Dep: Aug. 30, Wakatipu, s, at 3.18 p.m., for Sydney.

BURNIE.—Arr: Aug. 30, Melbourne, s, at 8 a.m., from Geelong.

DEVONPORT (498 miles).—Dep: Aug. 30, Flora, s, at 1.30 p.m., Orion, s, at 2.30 p.m., both for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Dep: Aug. 30, Burrumbeet, s, for Eastern States; Drayton Grange, s, for Melbourne; Age, s, for Sydney; Maldon Lewis, ktch, for Mount Dutton Bay.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Dep: Aug. 30, Yongala, s, for Fremantle.

FREMANTLE (2460 miles).—Arr: Aug. 29, Gracchus, s, from Calcutta, Aug. 30, Augsburg, s, at 9 a.m., from Hamburg. Dep: Aug. 30, Sydney, s, at 12.15 p.m., and Kyarra, s, at 12.40 p.m., both for Eastern States.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1229 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Moeraki, s, from Sydney.

AUCKLAND (1281 miles).—Dep: Aug. 30, H.M.S. Phoebe, for Sydney.

KAIPARA.—Dep: Aug. 30, Kaeo, bq, for Geelong.

NAPIER (1428 miles).—Arr: Aug. 30, Marjorie, s, from Newcastle.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 46 years, 49.354.

Average rainfall for 47 years, Jan. 1 to July 31, 34.413.

Total from Jan. 1 to Aug. 30, 26.894.

Temperatures.—Maximum, 53.9; minimum, 44.5; at 9 p.m., 51.8.

Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 59; at 3 p.m., 61; at 9 p.m., 58.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30.12; Geraldton, 30.15; Perth, 30.24; Eucla, 30.43; Streaky Bay, 30.40; Adelaide, 30.30; Robe, 30.18; Portland, 30.06; Melbourne, 29.99; Wilson's Promontory, 29.93; Gabo Island, 29.62; Cape St. George, 29.49; Newcastle, 29.70; Port Macquarie, 29.74; Clarence Heads, 29.81; Brisbane, 29.75; Rockhampton, 30.05; Mackay, 30.04; Cooktown, 30.07.

Sydney, 9 a.m., 29.63; 9 p.m., 29.80.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—The rain area in southern districts expanded to central and parts of northern districts, and late at night or early this morning turned to snow, with a fall in temperature along parts of the highlands and western slopes; thunder and hail also accompanied some of the falls in the south; the winds were strong and boisterous generally, and occasional squalls conveyed rain to a few coastal stations from the main rain area west of the highlands.

Victoria.—Fine, but partially cloudy in northern districts; cloudy, with scattered showers, elsewhere.

Western Australia.—Generally fine and clear.

Queensland.—Fine and clear throughout, blowing in strong squalls generally.

South Australia.—Squally and stormy in the extreme south-east, fine elsewhere.

Tasmania.—Cloudy to raining on the east coast.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 3 P.M.

Tweed Heads, W, strong, hazy, sea smooth.
Byron Bay, W, strong, fine, sea smooth.
Ballina, SW, strong, fine, sea smooth.
Clarence Heads, NW, strong, fine, sea smooth.
Port Macquarie, W, strong, cloudy, sea smooth.
Manning Heads, W, strong, fine, sea smooth.
Seal Rocks, W, strong, cloudy, sea moderate.
Port Stephens, W, gale, cloudy, sea rough.
Newcastle, W, strong, cloudy, sea smooth.
Lake Macquarie Heads, SW, strong, showery, sea moderate.
Catherine Hill Bay, SW, strong, showery, sea moderate.
Barranjoey, SW, strong, showery, sea smooth.
South Head, SW, strong, showery, sea moderate.
Wollongong, SW, moderate gale, showery, sea smooth.
Kiama, SSE gale, thick, light showers, sea rough.
Crookhaven Heads, S, strong gale, cloudy, sea moderate.
Jervis Bay, SW, heavy gale, fierce squalls, thick rain, sea very high.
Ulladulla, SW, strong gale, squally, sea very heavy.
Bateman's Bay, S, strong, cloudy, sea rough.
Moruya, SW, strong gale, showery, sea heavy.
Eden, S, fresh, raining, sea slight.

Telegraphic communication with Green Cape and Gabo was interrupted.

FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Unsettled, with more rain and snow along the western slopes and tablelands, and occasional showers on the coast; strong and boisterous SW to S winds; rough seas.—H. A. Hunt.

Victoria.—At first cloudy, some passing showers, cold winds, south-westerly to southerly, strong, squally on coast, with rough sea, but gradually moderating, and tending to finer weather generally.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Still scattered showers, but weather improving; moderating southerly winds; rather rough sea outside.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR AUGUST 31.

Sun rises at 6.16, sets at 5.36; Moon, 4.49 a.m., 4.4 p.m.; Mercury, 5.54 a.m., 5.31 p.m.; Venus, 4.13 a.m., 2.27 p.m.; Mars, 10.21 a.m., 12.44 a.m.; Jupiter, 11.8 a.m., 10.43 a.m.; Saturn, 4.48 p.m., 6.10 a.m.

Full Moon, September 14; New Moon, September 28.

High water at Fort Denison, 8.42 a.m., 9 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Eden.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Hobart.—Oonah, 10 a.m.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—City of Grafton, 1 p.m.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Uganda, 2 p.m.
Laurieton.—Bellinger, 3 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Grantala, 5.30 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Manila, via Newcastle.—Frankby, 8 a.m.
Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, New Hebrides, and Banks Group.—Malaita, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Sourabaya, Samarang, Batavia, and Singapore, via Brisbane.—Guthrie, 3.45 p.m.
British New Guinea, from Thursday Island.—R.M.S. Ysabel, 3.45 p.m.
Macassar, Sourabaya, and Batavia, via Brisbane.—Varzin, 3.45 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Byron Bay.—Nymboida, 9 a.m.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Wimmera, 11 a.m.
Rio Janeiro, Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, and Chili, from Wellington.—Athenic, 11 a.m.
New Britain and German New Guinea, Hongkong, and Japan.—Prinz Waldemar, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Wollowra, noon.
Brisbane.—Peregrine, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 3 p.m.
Port Macquarie.—Hastings, 4 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Mackaville.—Nerong, 4 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 5 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 5 p.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 9 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—Kanowna, 9.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Wareatea, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Hobart.—Westralia, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Bega, 1 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Natal and Capetown, via Melbourne.—Star of England, 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Wardell (R.R.).—Tomki, 1 p.m.
Fiji, Honolulu, Canada, U.S. of America, Central America, West Indies, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, via Brisbane.—R.M.S. Miowera, 2.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Miowera (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Brisbane, 2.30 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.

It is said that some people have no conscience. It must be true, or Wolfe's Schnapps would not be pirated as it is.—Advt.

DON'T LOOK OLD.
With advancing years greyness increases. Stop it with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour, and preserves the appearance. Lockyer's Restorer is made in England only.—Advt.

CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS cleanses the system thoroughly without disturbing it in the way purgatives do. A true laxative.—Advt.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Business was quiet in the Stock and Share Market with moderate business yesterday. New Zealand 4 per cent. debentures, due 1913, changed hands at 102; A.J.S. "B" deposits were 1d lower at 12s 9d. North Coast Steam improved a shade, while rights to new issue were also quotably higher. Colonial Sugar moved off at the old price. Permanent Trustee shares were 1d better, Castlemaine and Wood Bros.' Brewery being unaltered.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: Colonial Sugar Company, £40 12s 6d; North Coast Steam, 22s 6d. Later: Permanent Trustee, 4s 6d; Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Brothers, 10s 9d; New Zealand Government 4 per cent. debentures, due April 15, 1913, £102. Afternoon: A.J.S. Bank "B" Deposits, 12s 9d.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	*Yield to Investor.
					£	£	£	p.c.
F. STOCK &c. N.S.W. F.S. Act, 1892	4,006,709	..	...	3	96	95	...	3¾
Do., 1892	1,250,175	...	...	3½	90½	98½	90½	...
Do., 1892	2,540,350	...	---	4	102	101	...	3¾
Do., Act 1873	530,180	...	...	4	101½	102	...	3¾
Do., 4 p.c., due 9.8/07	550,000	...	...	4	101½	100	101	3¾
Do., deb. 1908	...	...	...	4	...	100½	101½	4
Do., T. Bills, 1906	1,169,700	...	...	3½	99½	99½	100	...
Ditto	203,000	...	...	4	101	100	101	4
N.Z. do., 1930	300,300	...	...	4	101½	...	101	...
Queens. deb., 1918	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Do., Tr. Bills	530,000	...	...	4	101	101½	...	...
W.A. Inscr.	...	...	...	4	---	100½	...	...
Austrlm. Gas Deb., 1922	800,000	..	---	4	102½	102	...	4
City Sydney Deb.	220,000	...	--	4	100	100	100	4
Do., 1928	100,000	...	---	4	109	...	...	4
Co. Sugar D., 1914	....	...	---	5	108½	106	...	4¾
BANKS.								
Aust. I.S.	154,539	5½	1	...	...	...	...	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	13	98	95	99	6½
City	340,000	10	8	2½	57/6	---	61/	7
New Issue	160,000	10	5	2½	56/6	...	60/	7
Commercial of Aust.	84,882	10	10/	...	5/	4/9	---	...
Ditto, pref.	2,117,290	10	10	3	8/1/	8½	...	3¾
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	27½	27½	28	4½
N. of Aust.	1,192,440	8	5	8½	61/net	63/	---	3¾
Ditto, pref.	935,780	10	10	5	...	10½	...	...
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	43½	43½	43½	4½
N. Zealand	427,315	6½	3½	3	5½	6½	...	3¾
W. Queensl'd	100,000	7	2	2½	18/	14/	6/	3¾
Q'sland Nat.	413,068	5	3	...	8/	4/	65/	...
Royal of Q.	457,466	9	6½	8½	...	62/	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	10	49½	49	49½	...
DEPOSITS. A.J.S. Bk.—								
Class A.	..	...	...	2	19/6	19/	19/9	3¾
Class B.	...	...	...	3	12/9	12/6	13/	4½
Cl.B, 1917	...	...	...	...	12/	11/10½	...	...
Do., Insb.	798,083	...	...	3½	11/	11/	12/	4¾
Com. of Aus. Assr. 1898	487,879	...	...	3½	19/8	19/6	...	3¾
Do., Assets	3,354,958	...	---	3	13/3	13/9	---	4½
E.S.A. Insc. pref.	890,418	...	...	8	12/	11/6	---	4½
Do., def.	808,758	...	--	4½	16/	16/	...	5½
Do., Deb.	983,547	...	---	4	16/6	16/3	...	5
Q. Nat.	8,116,821	...	---	3½	14/7½	14/3	14/7½	5
STEAM.								
Bal. Ferry**	16,420	1	1	7½	27/	26/	29/	4½
Illawarra	49,797	1	15/	...	23/3	21/	24/6	..
How'd Smith 20s paid	350,000	20/	20/	10/	18/	...	22/	...
Do., 5s paid	...	...	...	...	...	4/9	...	...
Ditto, pref.	237,000	20/	5/	5	...	...	...	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	21/	20/6	21/3	5¾
Nrth Coast	181,250	1	17/6	8	22/6	22/3	22/9	6¾
Rights to new issue	...	...	...	...	4/	4/	4/6	...
Sydn. Ferries	140,000	1	1	10	60/	60/	60/3	3¾
Port Jackson	25,000	50/	25/	10	45/	42/6	...	5¾
Ditto, Co-op.	6,745	1	1	5	...	21/	---	...
INSUR'NCE								
A. M. Fire	62,500	1	12/6	14	41/6	41/	42/	4½
Mer. Mutual	45,000	1	6/	18½	15/6	15/	...	5
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	94/6	95/	96/	6
N. Q'land	88,000	1	10/	8	13/	...	15/	6¾
United	68,225	10	2½	12½	5	5	5¼	6¼
Ditto, new	...	10	37/6	12½	80/	80/	85/	5¾
COAL.								
Bellambi	175,000	1	1	15	29/9	29/	30/	10
East Greta	121,858	1	1	10	22/6	22/	23/	9¼
Hed'n Greta	42,550	1	1	...	...	...	...	..
Hetton	123,983	5	5	6	47/	30/	44/	---
Newcastle	100,000	11	10	...	6/36/41	6	...	...
Stockton	90,631	1	1	4	4/9	...	...	...
New	...	...	16/	4	1/ net	...	...	...
V. of Clwydd	80,000	1	1	10	20/6	22/	...	9¾
Wallsend	40,000	10	4	†10/	22	20½	22	...
Waratah	...	...	...	1/	...	---	...	...
Wickham & Bullock Is.	103,077	1	1	...	9/	8/	...	...
New	---	1	18/	...	---	---	...	...
Preferential	...	1	20/	...	---	---	6/	...
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/3	19/6	21/	5
Australian	950,000	6	6	15	18½	18½	18½	5
Ditto New	...	6	2	15	8¾	---	9¼	...
Char. Towers	20,000	10	10/	10	14/9	...	--	6¾
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	51/	..	...	5¾
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	...	28/	5¾
Maitland Gas	15,500	5	5	7	...	6¾	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	8	28/	28/	---	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	8	13/6	13/	...	5¾
Mudgee	8,300	1	1	7	18/9	18/6	...	7½
Newcastle	65,000	2	2	15	6¾	6	...	4¾
Nth. Shore	125,000	1	1	7	36/	35/6	37/	4¾
Ditto New	12,500	1	10/	7	21/	...	26/	5¾
BR'W'RIES								
Australian	48,000	10/	10/	..	9/	---	...	...
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	10/9	10/9	11/	8¾
Perkins'	100,000	15/	15/	...	35/	...	34/9	...
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	4	13/3	13/	13/	6¾
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	25/6	25/4½	26/	6¼
MISCELN'S								
Aarons'	17,500	15/	10/	5	2/6	2/3	...	20
Aust. News	40,000	1	1	...	7/6	...	7/9	...
B.H. W. Sup	285,000	1	1	...	30/	29/6	...	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	30/	30/	...	5¾
New Issue	55,000	1	10/	8	14/10½	14/6	15/	5¾
Brooks & Co.	..	...	...	...	..	18/	22/	..
Do., pref.	...	...	...	...	...	20/	23/6	...
Col. Sugar	2,095,290	20	20	12½‡	40¾	40½	41	5
Dalgety and Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	5/1/6	5	5¾	6
Dunlop Pn. Tyre, pref.	60,800	1	1	7	20/	20/	21/	7
Emu B. Rail.	..	...	...	...	1/3	...	---	---
Emu & Pen. Gravel	27,200	1	16/	7	7/9	...	8/9	14
Mel. Trams.	460,000	1	10/	12½	23/	22/6	24/6	5¾
M. de Piete**	74,400	1	1	10	38/	37/	40/	5¾
Mort's Dock	200,000	1	1	5	...	---	...	...
Ditto pref.	45,301	1	1	6	17/6	...	20/3	6¾
F. Food, Ice	91,780	12/	10/	---	8/	8/	8/9	...
Hair and Oil	80,000	1	17/	...	2d	...	...	...
New York Tob.	16,900	1	1	..	...	...	...	...
Perm. Trust.	25,000	5	2/6	8	4/6	4/3	...	4¾
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	10	10/3	10/3	...	4¾
Richardson & Wrench	80,000	1	1	5	12/	11/	...	8¾
Syd. Tram	197,902	1	1	80	75/	75/	...	5¾
Syd. Exchng.	30,000	10	10	6	12½	12½	...	4¾
Syd. Hyd.**	75,000	1	1	10	32/6	32/	33/	6
Ditto**	27,500	1	10/	10	16/	...	16/	6¼
Ditto Hyd. & G. E.**	15,000	1	10/	15	14/9	14/10½	15/6	10
Vic. Land Or	..	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
Hall's Merc. Agency	12,000	1	20/	...	11/	...	13/	...
Shelly Water Chute	...	...	...	...	4/	---	...	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	120,000	1	1	10	38/6	37/6	40/	---
LAND & BD.								
Lacels, Dep.	...	...	...	...	8/	8/	...	...
Haymrkt, D.	...	...	...	...	19/	...	...	...
Do. Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ins. Prov.	45,580	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
Intercol. Inv.	51,787	1	15/	9	26/	20/	...	6½
Newc. B. & L.	...	...	...	6	19/	19/	...	...
Syd. Free. L.	17,500	7/8	7/	...	2/6	2/	...	...
Syd. & Sub. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per share. ‡ This dividend includes a bonus of 2½ per cent. ‖ Second call paid. ** Ex dividend.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

On 'Change to-day Adelaide Steamship shares were quoted—b £7 2s, s £7 3s.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Queensland Trustees, b 4s 6d; Queensland National Bank, b 14s 6d, s 14s 10d; Queensland 3½ per cent. loan, b £96; 4 per cent. Treasury Bills, s £103 10s.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 4 per cents., 1923, £104; Commercial Bank, 5s 7d, and pref. £11 14s; National Bank, ordinary, 65s; London Bank deposit receipts, 19s 4d; Metropolitan Gas, £8 15s; Melbourne Tram, 23s 8d; Silverton Tram, 75s 6d; B. H. Water Supply, 30s 6d.

PROBABLE DEPRECIATION OF GOLD.

While the supply of gold was barely sufficient to go round there were those who could not bring themselves to understand that it had appreciated in value. In connection with other commodities no difficulty presents itself. When they are scarce either owing to a shrinkage in production or what amounts to the same thing, to an excessive demand, then they rise in value. No one doubts this. It is an everyday occurrence. The failure of the wheat crops of a few important grain-producing countries invariably causes a rise in the price of that needful article. As the rise is measured in its value in gold it is patent to everybody. The farmer who grows the grain gets more sovereigns for his produce, and the miller who buys it, or the public who consume the resultant bread are all well acquainted with the fact. But with gold it is different. A sovereign always appears the same. It is not worth £1 today and, say, £1 2s 6d next day, owing to the appreciation of gold, nor now that gold is tending to depreciate will it be worth only, say, 19s 6d. Nor does the miner clearly see any variation in the value of his product. The mint value of each ounce of fine gold he produces never varies. It is as constant as the phenomenon of day following night. Still the value of the sovereign does vary all the same. Its purchasing power is greater or less according to the relative abundance or scarcity of gold in the world. And this variation in the relative value of the precious metal is of great importance in the economy of nations.

ABUNDANCE OF GOLD AND THE MONEY MARKET.

On the other side of the world there is no misunderstanding of the potent effect that the depreciation of gold will have on prices not only of goods but also of securities, and on the money market. The "Times," discussing the subject, makes the following significant remarks:—

There is another result, of far-reaching importance, which will follow if the process of adding yearly to the world's stock of gold goes on for a few years more at its present rate—namely, a depreciation of gold. No commodity whatever can be constantly produced in quantities larger than the immediate needs of the world can absorb without its value being reduced with more or less rapidity. In the case of gold the change in value is always comparatively slow—so slow as not to be clearly perceptible, except after it has been at work for some time, because its effect, seen in a rise in the prices of commodities and securities, is liable to be, and usually is, obscured by influences tending to affect the values of particular articles or groups of articles. In the long run this powerful force, tending to raise prices, can be only counteracted by equally powerful forces such as come into existence through an increase in the supply of commodities or securities. Now it is not easy to increase the stock of commodities rapidly, but, as we have seen of late, it is easy to create large quantities of securities. This process will be stimulated by the continued abundance of money and the low discount rates resulting therefrom, and it is this force which will probably cause a partial recovery in the price of money in the autumn. We are, however, of opinion that the temporary recovery in the rates for money will be followed by a renewed relapse, owing to the constant addition to the world's stock of gold. Sooner or later the effect of the addition will begin to be perceptible in an appreciable rise in prices, which, by necessitating the employment of more money to finance a given quantity of commodities or stock than before, will tend to produce equilibrium once more.

The question arises, how will this probable depreciation of gol' affect Australia? In our capacity as producers of gold we shall be placed in a disadvantageous position. Though we shall still get £3 17s 10½d for each ounce of fine gold that we unearth, that £3 17s 10½d will be worth less to us in bread and meat and clothing. And Australia occupies an important position as a gold producer, the annual value of the output of this metal varying between 16 and 17 millions sterling. In other respects she will gain. That she will get more sovereigns for her exports of wool, wheat, butter, and metals is of itself a gain of dubious worth, for the sovereigns will be intrinsically worth less than formerly. Where Australia will gain most will be in being enabled to pay interest and principal of her huge public and private indebtedness in goods at inflated prices. In other words, she borrowed an appreciated sovereign and pays back a depreciated one. It would be much the same as the Chinaman does when he gets 100 sovereigns from the bank, and after vigorously shaking them up between two blankets returned the sweated coins whence they came. The former is, however, legal, whereas the latter is illicit dealing. In fact, the position as regards Australian debts would scarcely be fair to our creditors were it not for the fact that for nearly half a century the value of gold has been constantly appreciating, and this has been in our disfavour. Now there is a prospect of the reverse happening.

BANK SHARES RISING IN LONDON.

Our cable from London indicates a steady rise in the price of Australasian bank shares. Bank of Australasia shares have advanced 1½ on the London Stock Exchange during the fortnight. Bank of New South Wales ½, and Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent Guaranteed Stock 1. We notice that Bank of New South Wales shares are 3½ higher in Sydney than in London, while Bank of Australasia shares are 1 higher in London than in Sydney.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT FINANCES.

The financial aspect of the closer settlement movement in this and the other States is of keen interest. Much depends on the successful administration of the accounts of revenue and expenditure. The plan we should like to see adopted would be for a separate account to be opened in connection with each of the resumed estates. The moneys received in the way of rent and purchase money should be earmarked and applied to pay off the original outlay. In this way only can the public hope to form a reasonably accurate idea of how the estates are being administered from a financial point of view. It will be of interest to know that, according to a Parliamentary return, the New Zealand Government has paid £3,637,830 for resumed estates.

PITT, SON, AND BADGERY, LIMITED.

The seventeenth annual meeting of this company was held yesterday, Mr. Thomas Buckland presiding. The report stated that after writing down securities to bedrock, profits amounted to £3523, which, together with £3938 brought forward, made £7461 available. The directors recommended a dividend of 5 per cent., absorbing £2500, leaving £4961 to be carried forward. Land for a wool store at Pyrmont had been purchased for £5000. A modern store is to be erected, to cover the cost of which it is proposed to make two calls each of 1s if required. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said that their net earnings for the year under review were considerably in excess of the amount of the net profits, as shown in the balance-sheet, a very considerable sum having been written off the valuation of the securities held in respect to very old advances, and a further amount covering expenditure in connection with the Western leaseholds in the hands of the company. Since the close of the year one of the properties had been sold, so that the outgoings in this direction would not be so large as heretofore. He could only express a hope that they would be able in the near future to dispose of the remaining properties, as the carrying on of stations was certainly outside the scope of their legitimate business. Their business had continued to expand, and the gross proceeds of sales showed large increases, as follows:—

	1904.	1905.	Increase.
Proceeds stock	£671,158	£830,661	£159,503
Proceeds wool	287,113	339,358	52,245
Proceeds produce	116,497	119,265	2,768

Giving a total increase of £214,516

The only shrinkage had been in the sales of pastoral properties, which amounted in 1904 to £126,241, as against £53,233, or a decrease of £73,008. This branch of the business was naturally a very fluctuating one. Sales of stock were as follows:—

Total No. Sold.	1903-4.	1904-5.	Increase.
Sheep	307,055	430,047	122,992
Cattle	47,676	52,058	4,382
Calves	542	1,078	536
Pigs	2,947	5,665	2,718
Horses	1,490	1,535	45

The increase in business was not due to the increased number of stock offered during the year, this being evidenced by the fact that of the sheep disposed of at Flemington they sold 21.5 per cent., as against 19.5 per cent. for the previous year. The report was adopted, and Mr. Thos. Buckland was re-elected a director, and Mr. H. E. Russell an auditor.

JAPANESE FINANCES AND THE WAR.

A Consular statement informs us that additional war taxation in Japan amounts to some £7,500,000 for the year 1905-6, bringing the total increase in the people's burdens from the beginning of the war to nearly £14,000,000, or something like 81 per cent. of the total revenue from taxation in 1903-4. One of these increased taxes was an import duty of 15 per cent. ad valorem on rice. The following table shows the bank deposits at the end of 1904 as compared with December, 1903:—

Deposits in the	Amount. Dec., 1903.	Dec., 1904.
	£	£
Bank of Japan	400,000	1,203,000
Tokio Associated Banks	14,456,000	15,830,000
Post Office Savings Bank	3,191,000	3,891,000

It will be seen from the following table, compiled from the Finance Department's "Monthly Customs Returns," that, as compared with 1903, the increase in the total volume of Japan's foreign trade, as recorded in the Customs, amounted during the past year to £8,566,159, or nearly 14 per cent. Imports increased in value by over £5,500,000, or 17 per cent., and exports by over £3,000,000, or 10 per cent.:—

JAPAN'S TRADE RETURNS.

Years.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	£	£	£
1904	37,902,567	32,591,216	70,493,783
1903	32,374,250	29,553,374	61,927,624
1902	27,739,232	26,368,320	54,107,552

Briefly speaking, it may be said that the imports which show declines and the exports which show most progress were manufactured or partly-wrought products—a very satisfactory indication of the development of the native industries. The following table shows approximately the gold reserve and note issue of the Bank of Japan at the close of 1904 and the two preceding years:—

Years.	Gold Reserve.	Note Issue.
	£	£
1904	8,525,000	28,200,000
1903	11,930,000	23,750,000
1902	11,610,000	23,540,000

FRESH FOOD AND ICE.

The half-yearly meeting of the New South Wales Fresh Food and Ice Company, Limited, was held at noon yesterday at the Mercantile Mutual-chambers, Mr. Laidley Mort presiding. The report and balance-sheet, particulars of which have already been published, were unanimously adopted. Mr. P. T. Taylor, who was the only candidate for office of director, was declared elected.

Dr. Richard Read, of the Great Cobar Copper Mining Syndicate, has been appointed a director of the Federal Coke Company in place of Mr. H. W. Henderson, resigned.

BREADSTUFFS.

Business in wheat was almost at a standstill yesterday, as ideas of value are keeping buyers and sellers apart. Reports seem to indicate that relatively better prices are being obtained in the country than in Sydney, probably owing to the demand from country millers. For prime grain up to 3s 5½d can be obtained, although all city millers are buying sparingly, and several report that they have fairly good supplies. Prices may be given as 3s 4d to 3s 5½d per bushel, according to sample. Flour is somewhat slow at £7 10s to £7 15s, and £8 for best city brands.

Flour for Chinese Requirements.—Inquiries in the city yesterday elicited the information that the boycott of American flour in Hongkong and Canton is having some effect, as there have been requests for quotations for flour for export. Some millers express a doubt whether they can quote sufficiently low with wheat at the present price to capture any very large portion of the trade. They, however, intend to make an effort to get a share of the business.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 401 tons of wheat and 122 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

Messrs. Kaye and Carter, Christchurch, in their circular of August 22, write that business in wheat has livened up a little, and prices generally have a steady upward tendency, though without much appreciable change in actual prices. Quotations are: Tuscan, 3s 2d; Pearl, 3s 1d; Hunter's, 3s f.o.b.; steamer parcels, longberry, 29s 3d to 29s 9d, c.i.f.e. London.

Messrs. John Darling and Son, Adelaide, in their market report of August 28, write as follows:—Private cables report the tone of the wheat market to be quiet, with but little business doing, and value for cargoes at port of call is 31s 9d for South Australian and 31s 6d for Victorian per 480lb c.i.f. Cargoes for prompt shipment are quoted at 32s to 32s 3d Victorian, 32s 3d to 32s 6d South Australian, but with present price of wheat there is no margin for business at these rates. Parcels by steamer to London are quoted at 31s, and to Liverpool 31s 4½d per 480lb c.f. and i., which quotation will not permit of shipments now being made. On spot markets continue steady, and a fair business is being carried through on the basis of 3s 4d per bushel for farmers' parcels and 3s 4½d to 3s 5d per bushel for shipping parcels Port Adelaide.

VICTORIAN WHEAT CROP AND STOCKS.

According to a return prepared by Mr. W. McLean, the Government Statist of Victoria, the estimated area under wheat, grain, and hay for 1905-6 is 2,308,450 acres, compared with an area of 2,409,802 acres in the previous year. The actual area under grain, exclusive of hay, in 1904-5 was 2,277,537 acres, and the estimate for 1905-6 is 2,148,450 acres.

The Statist's estimate of wheat stocks on July 31 last is as follows:—

	Wheat. Bushels.	Flour (equivalent in Wheat). Bushels.	Total. Bushels.
On railway premises	590,300	30,050	620,350
In mills and stores—On or adjacent to railways	2,818,950	484,500	3,303,450
Elsewhere	825,620	336,550	1,162,170
On farms—returned	564,330	———	564,330
On farms—not returned (estimated)	244,900	———	244,900
Total	5,044,100	851,100	5,895,200

On July 31, 1904, the stocks of wheat on hand were 16,664,372 bushels, of which 2,720,880 bushels were on farms.

COUNTRY MILLERS V CITY MILLERS.

We have received from Mr. Russell E. Conolly, of Goulburn, the following letter with reference to the letters that have appeared in our columns under the above heading:—"The correspondents in your issues of the 26th and 28th inst. on the above subject appear to have a very poor grasp of the situation, and either wilfully or through ignorance desire to mislead your readers. Under pain of being charged, with your correspondents, 'A Retired Country Miller,' 'Produce Merchant,' etc., with questionable taste in writing upon a matter which is sub judice, I am constrained to do so in view of the attitude adopted by those referred to.

"It is recognised by everyone that the Railway Commissioners have imposed exceptionally low rates for the carriage of agricultural produce, including wheat, flour, etc, on the up journey, particularly so for long distances, and the requests of the deputation which waited upon them last week had nothing whatever to do with these rates, but were directed to the conditions affecting the adjustment thereof and clause 21, 'Conditions of traffic,' and addenda thereto issued this month.

"It is the desire of the country manufacturers that they should be placed upon an equal footing, or nearly so, with their metropolitan conferes and they do not expect to be 'spoon fed' at the expense of the public.

"When your correspondent, 'whose name by the way is not disclosed,' used the term 'spoon fed,' he evidently lost sight of the fact that the metropolitan miller is really by reason of the differential rates and conditions of traffic already being 'spoon fed' to an extent which may even surprise himself, and for his information and that of your readers I will give a few figures to bear this out.

"Take A as a city miller, and B as a country miller established 200 miles from Darling Harbour; both draw wheat in truckloads from a point 450 miles from Sydney and are trading with C at Kiama, whose storage accommodation and trade only allow him to receive 2 tons of flour at a time. C is willing and desires to trade with B, but the rates and conditions of traffic put B's profit under water and debar him from doing business. Let us see why:—

	Per ton.
"A" draws wheat 450 miles up, tk. rate	13s 10d
And sends flour to Kiama, 72 miles	7s 6d
	21s 4d
"B" draws wheat 250 miles up, tk. rate	12s 2d
And sends flour to Kiama, 288 miles	24s 3d
	36s 5d

"A" Rate, 2 ton Lots

Difference in favour of "A" 15s 1d per ton.

Take another illustration:—

"A" draws wheat 350 miles up, tk. rate	13s 2d
And sends flour back on same line, 84 miles	10s 1d
	23s 3d
"B" draws wheat 150 miles up, tk. rate	10s 0d
And sends flour 2 tons at up rate, 116 miles	13s 0d
	23s 0d

"A's goods are carried 434 miles, and B's 266 miles, a difference of 168 miles, and only 3d per ton in freight."

Take "E," a miller, 450 miles from Sydney, and trading with a man in the same position financially, etc., as "C," but who is established at a point between "A" and "E's" mills.

A draws wheat 450 miles, up tk. rate.... 13/10 p. ton
And sends flour back, 125 miles, down rate.. 13/9 p. ton

27/7 p. ton

E sends flour 325 miles, A rate up .... 27/4 p. ton

We find "A's" goods are carried 575 miles, "E's" 325 miles, a difference of 250 miles and 3d per ton.

The Railway Commissioners are, I believe, anxious to encourage primary industries, including manufactures, in the State, and whilst it appears to be necessary to have differential rates, they must recognise that it is decidedly of more advantage to the railways to have manufacturing industries established in the country districts than in the city, for reasons too obvious to mention.

The country millers ask the Commissioners to fix the terminal or break of journey charge at a reasonable amount, and the only question is what is fair and reasonable. 1s 9d was in force for upwards of 20 years, and though thought by many to be too high was increased in May, 1904, to 2s 6d, owing, it was stated, to the necessity for more revenue in consequence of depletion in general revenue on the railways through adverse seasons; but with a return of prosperity it was confidently anticipated by those detrimentally affected the increase would have been removed this year; not so, hence the deputation.

In considering the matter in a fair spirit it must be recognised that fully two-thirds of the population of the State is now centred in and within 15 miles of Sydney, so that the country consumption of breadstuffs is limited. A greater benefit to our railways would exist if half the population now in the metropolis was distributed throughout the State, but the Railway Commissioners cannot drive the population into the country, though they can encourage country industries, which will have the effect of increasing the demand for labour in the provinces, to the advantage of the railway revenue directly and indirectly.

COMMONWEALTH BREADSTUFFS EXPORTS.

The exports of wheat and flour from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Queensland since December 1 last amount approximately to 29,000,537 bushels, leaving the quantity to be shipped 2,018,171 bushels. New South Wales' share of the exports totals 6,207,322, leaving 292,678 bushels still available for export. In the following table the crop and estimated surplus in each State are shown:—

	Crop, 1904-5. Bushels.	Estimated Surplus. Bushels.
New South Wales	16,463,000	6,500,000
Victoria	20,944,000	13,300,000
South Australia	12,717,000	10,000,000
Queensland	2,400,000	400,000
Totals	53,524,000	30,200,000

In the above table no account has been taken of the quantities of wheat estimated to have been carried forward from last season, it being considered that there will be an equal quantity to carry over to next season:—

	Exports to Date. Bushels.	Still to be Shipped. Bushels.
New South Wales	6,207,322	292,678
Victoria	14,118,708	*
South Australia	8,313,357	1,686,643
Queensland	361,150	38,850
Totals	29,000,537	2,018,171

The New South Wales figures comprise, in addition to the exports from the port of Sydney from December 1, the opening of the season, up to date, the quantity of wheat that has passed over the border into Victoria during that period. A corresponding reduction has been made in the Melbourne wheat exports, so that in each case the exports given actually represent the shipments of the States' produce, and not merely what has been shipped at the several ports.

* Taking the crop of Victoria and the estimated surplus as approximately correct, our figures show that the wheat supply available for export has been exceeded by 818,708 bushels, and that the State is either trenching upon her food supplies, or on the carry-over from last season, which was estimated at just over 2,500,000 bushels. There is also the possibility that the crop has been underestimated.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT IN JAPAN.

RENEWED COMPLAINTS.

Early in June we published extracts from a report of Mr. Suttor, New South Wales commercial agent in the East, containing complaints of alleged irregular weights, defective bagging, etc, in wheat and oats shipped to Japan from New South Wales and Victoria. A long resume of this report was sent to us yesterday by a Sydney firm, in the form of a cutting from a Far Eastern, presumably a Japanese, paper. The firm in question states that its Japanese house also complains bitterly about the second-hand bags in which New South Wales wheat is shipped, resulting in loss of weight. When Mr. Suttor's report appeared in our columns it evoked replies from wheat and flour shippers here, who pointed out that every effort was made to supply full weights, and if wheat was not up to sample the buyers had their remedy. They, however, contended that no complaint could be made on the score of quality. It has been currently reported in the city during the past few days that some trouble has arisen owing to allegations having been received from Japan of wheat shipped from Sydney not having proved up to sample, and losses incurred owing to defective bagging. No confirmation or otherwise of these reports has yet been obtained. But if any fault does lie with our shippers or producers opportunity should be taken to remedy it at once. Mr. Suttor, it will be remembered, asserted that Australians were gradually getting a name for carelessness from our Japanese customers, on these and other grounds.

It has already been pointed out in these columns that Australian cornsacks are the strongest in the world, and that they should therefore compare more than favourably with American or Indian, which are lighter. If the Japanese buyers will not pay a price for wheat which leaves a sufficient margin for new bags, they can scarcely have good cause of complaint if such are not used. Let them specify "new bags" when buying, and they will get them, but the natural sequence will be a slightly enhanced price. As one large shipper remarked a few days ago: "Australia exports 100 bags of wheat to England for every one bag sent to Japan, but we seldom or never get a complaint from home buyers, notwithstanding the longer voyage."

It is obvious that the publication in Japanese or Far Eastern papers of reports such as this from our own commercial agent will do much to damage our business prestige in that quarter, and will not tend to assist us in building up an export trade. Every shipper and producer should, therefore, be on the alert to be sure that no fault shall lie at his door.

IMPORT MARKET.

There were very few movements in this market yesterday, and business was of small proportions. Some speculation has taken place in fencing wire during the past few days, and prices have advanced. Private cables received from London advise an upward move of nearly 10s per ton in corrugated iron. Business in tea was small; groceries went in distributing lines, whilst oils and chemicals had inquiry, with moderate sales. Cornsacks were very quiet, and although there were orders on the market from Melbourne, they were at about 2d under holders' ideas of value, who would not do business under 6s 6d for September-October shipment. Calcutta prices were somewhat easier, and are now about on a par with those ruling locally.

Owing to the death of Mr. J. V. Casey, the establishment of Dalton Bros., of Sydney, Limited, will be closed to-day.

Some inquiries were made yesterday in shipping circles as to the probable effect of the cessation of the war between Japan and Russia. The consensus of opinion was that so far as Australia is concerned, no material difference will result, as freights have for some length of time been absolutely unaffected one way or the other.

Tea.—All sales were small. Fifty chests of Ceylon went at 7½d to 10d.

Groceries.—A parcel of Jean Nantes ¼ sardines was placed at 2s 3d. Business generally was quiet, and almost wholly in trade lines.

Eastern Produce.—Five tons of canary seed (new season's) sold to arrive at £18 5s c.i.f. and e., and for parcels on spot £22 to £22 10s per ton, was quoted. Other lines were unchanged.

Metals.—Some speculation has taken place in fencing wire, principally No. 8 German, during the past few days, and purchases aggregating about 200 tons have been made, thus relieving the market of the lines that were offering at somewhat under general quotations. Stocks are concentrated, and holders are asking £7 15s and £8 per ton for No. 8 and No. 10 German respectively, and American is quoted at the same figures. According to recent cable advices future shipments will cost £7 16s 9d to place in store and distribute. Tupper's galvanised corrugated iron was cabled nearly 10s per ton firmer, and heavy orders have recently been placed. It is generally thought that the cessation of the war will have a hardening effect on all metals. Sheet lead is 10s per ton higher, and is now quoted at £1e for ten ton lots. Other lines were steady, with very little business.

Jute.—All lines were quiet. Cornsacks had a good deal of inquiry, with buyers on the market from Melbourne, but as their ideas were from 1½d to 2d under holders' quotations, no transactions resulted. For August-September shipment, purchases could probably have been made at 6s 6d Sydney, from small holders, who are usually the first to give way when any sign of weakness is shown, or when there is a lull in the market. Calcutta quotations for September-October were equivalent of 6s 6d Sydney, which brings that market on a par with Sydney values. Branbags were firm at 4s 3d, and woolpacks at 2s 3d to 2s 3½d.

Oils.—One hundred drums of Blundell Spence's raw linseed oil, and 150 drums of boiled, sold at 2s 11d and 3s 1d respectively. Four tons of Champion's white lead, in cwts., went at £27 5s; 3 tons of Fergusson's, in cwts., at £26; and 2 tons in qrs., at £27. Castor oil sold in distributing lots at 3s, with a very firm market.

Pratt's turpentine to arrive is quoted at 3s 5½d per gallon, c.i.f.e., ex steamer Hudson.

Chemicals.—Five tons of Swedish carbide sold at £18; 5 tons of bi-carb. soda, in 3 cwts., £8 2s 6d; and one ton of tartaric acid crystals at 11½d.

Miscellaneous.—Twenty thousand American slates sold at £9 per ton spot.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney yesterday amounted to £11,006.

ENGLISH HOP CROP.

A cable message published elsewhere gives the estimate of the English hop crop as 650,657cwt. The London "Times" recently estimated the hop crop at 98 per cent. Mr. Le May's estimate is that it will be the best crop ever marketed, and that there will be no need to import any hops. Last year's crop of 282,330cwt. was one of the worst gathered, and, as stated in our columns on Monday, England imported 313,667cwt. of hops that year, compared with 113,998cwt in 1903. The largest crop on record in England was that of 1886, which totalled 776,144cwt. The next three records were 661,371cwt., in 1899; 649,387cwt., in 1901; and 636,846cwt., in 1894. The crops during the past four years have been as follow:—

	Cwt.
1901	649,387
1902	311,041
1903	421,068
1904	282,330

The average total consumption of hops in England is about 655,000cwt. per annum.

EXPORT MARKET.

At Darling Harbour on Wednesday 2825 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

THE MAIZE BOOM.

POSSIBLE IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA.

The maize market has for some time been in a state of excitement, owing to persistent reports of shortage in local crops, and in those of Queensland and Victoria. The maize market is one of the most sensitive, and a rise or decline of 6d per bushel is not at all unusual. The current month opened with maize quoted at 3s per bushel, but for the past week 4s per bushel has been the quotation. Large importations from Queensland have been made, amounting to date to about 31,000 bags. Arrivals by rail, chiefly from the New England, Tumut, and Hawkesbury districts, have amounted to about 15,000 bags, or 10,000 bags in excess of the arrivals during the corresponding period of 1904. But it is to the rivers where the chief attention has been directed. Since the beginning of the year about 280,000 bags of maize have been received from the rivers, which is about 26,000 bags more than that which arrived during the same period of the preceding year. These figures are rather startling, when it is remembered that the crop this year was estimated to be smaller than the yield in 1904. These considerations have naturally excited great interest amongst those in the trade, and the fact that maize is now 4s per bushel has stimulated the speculative spirit.

There is a movement on foot to form a syndicate for the purchase of a shipment of Argentine maize. It is understood that some agents have expressed their willingness to participate in the venture, but others are very chary about joining the syndicate, having painful recollections of the result of previous speculations in the same direction. The quotation given is 3s 3d or 3s 4d per bushel c.i.f. and e., for September shipment, due here about December. There is a duty of 10d per bushel, which, together with wharfage and cartage, means about 4s 3d per bushel in store. The firm offering this maize is now making offers under the same conditions in Melbourne.

The importation of Argentine maize during 1902 was a speculative success, and merchants devoted their attention also during 1903 to further business, but not with the previous good fortune, as the break-up of the drought produced a slump in all feed lines. During October, 1902, maize realised 6s 6d per bushel in Sydney, while 1903 witnessed a steady decline in values. During 1903 Argentine maize to the extent of 1,030,082 bushels was imported into New South Wales.

SHORT-WEIGHT BUTTER.

Despite the fact that complaints have frequently been made, both by Sydney and London firms, about short-weight butter, and notwithstanding the outspoken criticisms on the question made at dairy conferences, the merchants of Sussex-street are still dissatisfied with the weights. Some of the butter sold recently turned the scales at only 54½lb. This, of course, was exceptional, but many boxes weighed 55lb, instead of the 56½lb required. The importance of this question cannot be too forcibly impressed, especially as the season is just opening, and prices are high, when London firms will be more keenly on the lookout for any shortage in weights. Last year was notorious for the number of complaints received from English butter houses regarding the weights, and claims in consequence. Local buyers also are not disposed to pay for an extra ounce of butter at the present inflated prices.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Aug. 29.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Bank of Australasia, 1½ higher, b 94, s 95.

Bank of New South Wales, ½ higher, b 40½, s 41½.

Union Bank of Australia unchanged, b 46, s 47.

National Bank of New Zealand unchanged, b 5¼, s 5¾.

Bank of New Zealand, b 6¼, s 6¾.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guarantee stock, new issue, 1 higher at 103.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent., unchanged, at 94.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent., unchanged, at 102.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4½ per cent. bonds, 2 lower at 101.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, 1 higher at 105.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged, at 103.

M'Cracken's City Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged, at 58½.

WHEAT AFLOAT.

Shipments of wheat afloat on the dates mentioned were as follow:—

	Aug. 29, 1904.	Aug. 22, 1905.	Aug. 29, 1905.
	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.
For United Kingdom	2,990,000	2,300,000	2,225,000
For Continent	1,500,000	1,540,000	1,600,000
Total	4,490,000	3,840,000	3,825,000

ATLANTIC SHIPMENTS.

The quantity of wheat and flour shipped from the Atlantic coast of America during the past week aggregated 56,000 quarters, as against 44,000 quarters a week ago, and 50,000 quarters a year ago.

METALS.

Lead.—Soft foreign is quoted b £14 7s 6d, s £14 10s per ton, an advance of 2s 6d per ton.

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 4 11-16d per ounce standard.

ENGLISH HOP CROP.

The English hop crop is estimated at 650,657cwt.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Wheat quiet. A sale reported in the country at 3s 5½d. Flour without business. Quotations, £7 10s to £7 15s. Bran, 10d to 10½d; pollard, 11d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat firm. Nearly 2000 bags sold at 3s 5½d to 3s 6d, including prime at 3s 6d, ex store. Flour, £7 15s to £8. Bran, 8½d to 9d. Pollard, 1s. Malting barley rather quiet, but steady, at 3s 3d to 4s 3d. English feed, 2s 8d to 2s 9d. Thin feed sold at 2s 7d. Cape barley, good 2s 9d, feed 2s 7d. Algerian oats firmer, with good business. Prime bright, 2s 1d to 2s 1½d, milling is 11½d to 2s 1d, feed is 9½d to is 11½d. Nearly 1000 bags maize sold at 3s 7d to 3s 8d. Chaff dull at 47s 6d to 55s, manger hay £3 to £3 15s, sheaves £2 to £2 15s. Potatoes dull. Victorian red soil £8 10s to £9, Pinkeye £8 to £8 10s, Tasmanian £9 to £9 10s. Onions quiet, at £17 to £18. Factory butter firm, at 10½d to 11½d. Eggs, 7½d. 60 tons Fairymead white sugar sold. Business in tea covers 430 packages Ceylon, up to 1s 2d; 100 chests Indian, up to 1s 3d. Currants firm, at 4d to 4½d. Cornsacks sold for forward delivery at 6s 5d, but for ordinary lots importers ask up to 6s 7½d, business being quiet. Woolpacks, 2s 1½d. Branbags, 4s 1½d. Steady business doing in fencing wire and g. c. iron.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

The steamer Wakatipu left for Sydney to-day direct with 1273 bgs potatoes, 206 bdls bark, 450 bgs oats, 25 bdls chaff, 111 bgs peas, 34 bgs grass seed, 4500 bales straw, 5 horses, 34 stud sheep.

The potato market is weak at £8 to £8 5s.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The steamer Kyogle left here for Sydney at 7.30 a.m. Cargo: 2 bgs bones, 2 bgs horns, 949 bgs maize, 14 bgs potatoes, 23 bgs pumpkins, 10 pkgs bacon, 225 bxs butter, 200 cs eggs, 45 pkgs fish, 4 cs fruit, 4 pkgs machinery, 5 bxs game, 960 hides, 2 horses, 50 pigs, 23 cps poultry, 88 felloes, 2 cks tallow, 8 bdls skins, 13 pkgs cane, and a large quantity of sundries.

MELBOURNE DEAD MEAT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Metropolitan Dead Meat Market prices during the week ended to-day ruled as follows:—Beef, prime bodies, 24s to 25s per 100lb; medium, 22s to 23s; prime forequarters, 21s; medium, 19s to 20s; prime hindquarters, 27s to 28s; medium, 25s to 26s. Sheep: Prime wethers, 2½d per lb; medium, 2¼d; prime ewes, 2¼d; medium, 2¼d. Lambs: Prime, 10s to 11s each; medium, 6s to 9s.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The observance of the retailers' half-holiday, combined with the fact that we are on the eve of another month, was an all-sufficient reason for the uniformly quiet conditions which yesterday held sway in the produce markets. Although feed-grain and forage lines were still firm in prices, yet values in the onion market were decidedly easier.

The maize market was still in its former dull condition, and business at quotations was practically nominal. Prime yellow corn was worth 4s per bushel, although in one quarter it was reported that sales were made at 3s 11d per bushel, which looks on the face of it a "bearing" movement. Shipments from the rivers since Monday have been very light, but stocks on the wharf today amount to between 9000 and 10,000 bags. There are only about 406 bags of Victorian maize on the wharf, but holders are sitting on stocks. Only one truckload arrived by rail to-day, but no business was effected. Brisbane maize was still quoted at 3s 7d f.o.b., with little offering. Business has been done for forward shipment from Victoria at 3s 8d, but 3s 9d per bushel is now asked. Efforts are being made to form a syndicate for the purpose of buying a cargo of Argentine maize, to be landed ex sailing ship about December. Nothing definite has yet been arranged, but there is some likelihood of business being concluded. It is understood that maize can be landed, duty paid, at from 4s to 4s 3d per bushel. Advices to hand from Melbourne say that it is expected that the maize crop in the Lindenow district will be about 30,000 bags short of that of last season, and that there will also be a decrease at Bruthen. It is also stated, that although there is a better average yield per acre at Orbost this season, the total yield will be smaller, owing to the decreased area sown.

The oat market was very firm, in response to higher quotations in Melbourne, where best Algerians have advanced to 2s 1d per bushel. However, sales were made at 2s 3d and 2s 4d per bushel locally. Another sale of 500 bags of New Zealand Garton oats was reported at 2s 3d per bushel, but quotations have now gone to 2s 3½d per bushel at Dunedin. Messrs. Kaye and Carter, in their report, dated Christchurch, 22nd Aug., state that a few thousand bags have been sold to South Africa, and the market position is a hopeful one to holders. Peas were quiet and unchanged. Chickwheat sold briskly at previous high rates, prime feed realising 3s 8d, and second milling up to 3s 4½d per bushel. English feed barley was in strong request at 2s 8d and 2s 9d per bushel, while stocks of Cape were still nominal.

Bran was in fair request, both on city and country account, at 10½d and 10½d per bushel, and it was stated that an export order for the East had been booked. Pollard found moderate inquiry at from 11½d to 1s per bushel.

The chaff market was rather dull, and although supplies of local samples were light, demand was inactive. No choice lines were offered, but ordinary prime wheaten realised £3 10s, and medium from £3 to £3 5s per ton. Imported cuts were very quiet at late rates.

The lucerne market was more buoyant, and at auction to-day choice small-baled hay realised the fancy price of £5 1s 8d per ton. Medium hay in large bales brought up to £3 8s per ton. Trade on the wharf was quiet at unchanged prices. Prime local oaten hay changed hands at £3 8s 6d, while from £3 5s to £3 12s 6d per ton was paid for Melbourne makes. Tasmanian derrick straw was in good request at from £2 5s 6d to £2 5s per ton.

The potato market was in a very weak position, consequent on heavy supplies and poor demand, together with lower values wired from Melbourne. The Southern market was very heavily supplied with local tubers—and—as appears probable—if stocks remain heavy there at the week-end very few Tasmanian potatoes will be required. It may therefore, happen that with the local market needing only small shipments, Devonport quotations will be somewhat easier. A few sales of prime redskins were made at £9 10s, but the bulk of the business was concluded at from £9 5s to £9 10s per ton. Messrs. Kaye and Carter, Christchurch, in a report dated 22nd Aug., state that "the advance in Tasmania, and the curtailment of supplies throughout New Zealand, have caused local markets to advance, and orders are very difficult to fill at our quotations; it is very probable that much higher prices will rule before the season closes. Very few potatoes have been imported for seed purposes. Derwents are quoted at £9 per ton." The onion market was well stocked with four varieties of bulbs, and, on account of the fall in Melbourne prices, also in anticipation of the arrival of a shipment of Americans, values were lowered. Portarlingtons were quoted at £18, Americans and Italians at £16, and Japanese £14 to £15 per ton. Business even at these prices was very quiet.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Barley.—Cape, 3s; English 2s 8d to 2s 9d bus.

Maize.—Prime dry river 3s 11d to 4s, white 3s 10d bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian, 2s 2d to 2s 3d, choice 2s 4d. Tasmanian: White feed 2s 8d to 2s 9d, choice 2s 10d. Local: Algerian 2s 3d bus.

Peas.—Blue 4s to 4s 3d, grey 4s 3d to 4s 6d bus.

Chickwheat.—Second milling 3s 3d to 3s 4½d, prime chickfeed 3s 1d to 3s 2½d, medium 2s, inferior from 2s 10d bus.

Bran, 10½d to 10½d; pollard, 11½d to 1s bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Prime wheaten £3 10s, oaten £3 5s, medium £3 to £3 5s, inferior from £2. Melbourne: Prime wheaten £3 5s to £3 12s, oaten £3 15s to £3 5s. Adelaide: £3 10s to £3 12s 6d ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Hydraulic-pressed, £3 5s to £3 12s 6d. Local: Prime £3 8s 6d ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green £4 5s to £4 10s, brown sweated £3 15s to £4, inferior £2 to £2 10s. At Redfern: Choice small £5 1s 8d, medium large £3 to £3 5s, inferior £2 15s ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmanian, £2 5s 6d to £2 5s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins £9 10s, darkskins £9 to £9 5s. Local: Choice £10, others from £5 13s 4d ton.

Onions.—Portarlington, £18; American, £16; Italian, £16; Japanese, £14 to £15 ton.

Swede Turnips.—Tasmanian: £1 15s to £2 5s ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

Trade in the dairy produce markets yesterday was confined to the narrow limits imposed by the Wednesday half-holiday. The butter market was very quiet, but no change was reported in values. A small amount of business was effected at 11d per lb. on London account, but this was the extreme buying limit. Stocks to-day were sufficient for all requirements.

Bacon was very firm in tone, the export and local demand being keen. Sides and flitches were in most favour, middles being rather neglected. Cheese was rather quiet, loaf cheese being especially so. The egg market was again well stocked, but sales were brisk at full rates. Buying for cold store was pretty general, and imparted a firm tone to the market.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Choice 11½d, prime 11d to 11½d, seconds 10½d to 10½d, pastry 10d lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders 5½d, bulk 4½d lb.

Eggs.—Northern, 6½d to 6½d, odd lots 7d; railway, 7d; suburban new-laids, 7½d to 8d doz.

Beeswax.—Dark, 1s 1½d; prime clear, 1s 2d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 6½d, soft new 6d, prime large 6½d, inferior from 5½d; Kameruka Cheddar, 7½d; Bodalla, 7½d lb.

Honey.—60lb tins prime extracted 1½d to 2d, choice tin lots 2½d, candied 1½d lb.

Bacon.—Best factory, flitches 5½d, middles 6½d, sides 5d to 5½d; York Castle, mild-cured sides 5½d, flitches 5d, middles 6d; Federal, sides 5d, flitches 5d, middles 6d; Pineapple, sides 5d, flitches 5½d, middles 6½d; Bodalla, sides 5½d, flitches 5d, middles 6½d; B in circle, sides 5½d, A. I. and Co-op., sides 5d to 5½d; O.K., sides 5½d; F. F. and I., sides 5½d, flitches 5½d, middles 6½d; Rex, flitches 5½d, middles, 6½d. Hams. Colonial, 8d to 8½d; York Castle, 9d; F. F. and I., 9d; Federal, 8½d; Bodalla, 8½d; O.K., 8½d to 9d; Pineapple, 9½d; B in circle, 8½d; Rex, 9d to 9½d lb.

POULTRY AND GAME.

River.—Hens, 2s 6d to 3s, roosters 3s to 3s 3d, choice 3s 6d; English ducks, 2s 6d to 3s, drakes 3s 6d to 4s 6d; Muscovy, 3s to 3s 3d; guineafowls, 3s to 3s 9d; turkeys, hens 6s to 6s 6d; gobblers, inferior 6s to 7s 6d, medium 8s to 10s, good 12s, extra heavy 13s to 14s; geese, 4s to 4s 6d pair; rabbits, 6s to 7s 6d, good 4s to 5s, small 1s 6d to 2s 6d; hares, 12s to 15s doz. pairs.

REDFERN SALES.

Quiet conditions prevailed at the Redfern auction yard yesterday. Only 38 trucks of produce were yarded, and a large proportion of these was passed. Chaff formed the bulk of the offerings, with 28 trucks, but the demand was not good. Prime makes brought 3s 6d, medium 3s to 3s 2d, and inferior from 2s. Six consignments of lucerne were submitted, and the prices for this commodity ruled firm. Choice small bales made 5s, medium large bales 3s to 3s 3d, and inferior 2s 9d. Oaten hay found disposal at 2s 4d and 3s 4d per cwt. Second milling wheat went at 3s 2½d, and prime chickfeed 3s 1d to 3s 2½d per bushel. One consignment of maize was passed.

Included in the consignees were Messrs. Ellis and Co., Dent and Perry, Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, Dalgety and Co., Wright, Heaton, and Co., R. Hall and Son, J. Bridge and Co., George Wells and Matthews, Walker and Oxby, H. M. Suttor and Co., J. W. Gray and Co., Prescott, Limited, Dalton Brothers, and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Astill, Cargo-road, (470) p., (11892) p.; Scott, (1013) 3s 2d; Murray Brothers, Brewongle, (2810) p., oaten hay 3s 4d; Prescott, Liverpool, (6488) p.; King, Kingsvale, (6053) p.; Williams, Parkes, (12792) p.; Truelove, Illabo, (9444) 2s 4d; Brunskill, Wagga, (12797) p., (1194) p.; Bridge, Mudgee, (11052) p.; Loneraghan, (x253) p.; Tibbets, Dubbo, (5484) p.; Smith, Maryvale, (11042) 3s 6d, (633) 3s 6d; Burke, Brewongle, (1038) p.; Smith, Junee, (1722) 3s; Brown, Tamworth, (9832) 3s 7d; Webb, Bendick Morell, (5800) p., (4393) p.; Price, (1897) 3s 2d; Davis Brothers, Cowra, (12600) 2s 11d, (12202) 2s 11d cwt.

Lucerne.—From Burgess, Tamworth, (3066) p., (990) 3s 3d; Mills, Mudgee, (11168) 5s; Chung, Tamworth, (6078) p.; Kelly, Nemingha, (9192) p.; Tin Hoy, (9992) 2s 9d cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From Wright, Warren, (2662) 2s 4d cwt.

Wheat.—Ex Darling Harbour, (3091) p., (1660) 3s 2d, (2820) p.; Dalgetty, Dubbo, (387) part 3s 3½d; Jackson, Condobolin, (2824) 19 bags 3s 2½d, balance 3s 1d bus.

Maize.—Ex Darling Harbour, (9836) p.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Quietness pervaded the fruit markets yesterday in nearly all departments. The cold, boisterous weather exercised a depressing effect on trade generally. Quotations were generally unchanged.

Current quotations were:—

Tomatoes.—Prime 3s, good 2s to 2s 6d, inferior from 1s 6d half-case.

Lemons.—Choice coloured 3s 6d, prime 3s, good 2s 6d to 3s, small rough from 1s 6d to 2s gin-case.

Loquats.—Choice large 5s to 6s, inferior 1s 6d half-case.

Pears.—Melbourne: Winter Nelis, 12s to 13s; Brown Parks, 7s to 8s case.

Mandarins.—Emperors, choice 4s to 5s, good 3s to 3s 6d, small from 1s 6d to 2s 6d gin-case; Thorneys, choice 2s 6d to 3s half-case, good 4s to 4s 6d, medium 2s to 2s 6d, small 2s gin-case.

Bananas.—Queensland, 9s 6d to 10s 6d case, 2s to 4s bunch; Fiji, nominal.

Pineapples.—Common 4s to 5s, choice 5s 6d; Queens 4s to 4s 6d, choice 5s case.

Oranges.—Local: Choice 4s to 5s, good 3s to 3s 6d, inferior 2s to 2s 6d; Seville, 1s 6d to 2s. Navel: Choice 8s to 10s, prime 5s to 6s, good 3s to 4s gin-case.

Coconuts.—10s bag.

Apples.—Tasmanian, A.P.M., 3s 6d to 4s; New York, 4s to 5s; S.P.M., 6s to 7s, inferior 4s to 5s; French Crabs, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; Crow Eggs, 3s 6d to 4s bushel-case.

Passionfruit.—Prime 4s 6d, good 3s 6d to 4s, inferior 1s to 2s half-case.

Plums.—Americans: Wickson, Diamond, Bradshaw, Gros Prunes, Satsuma, and Egg Plums, in crates of four punnets, 7s 6d to 8s crate.

THURSDAY'S OFFERINGS.

At Thursday's sales of fat stock to be held at Homebush the offerings will be:—

Sheep: 43,000.

Cattle: 868.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of September 4, 300 sheep vans and 91 cattle waggons; for September 17, 608 sheep vans and 75 cattle waggons.

STOCK SALES.

CITY YARDS REPORT.

Pigs.—The total supply of 1800 head this week shows a decided falling-off as compared with the numbers forward during the past few weeks, though all descriptions were represented. On Friday, 25th, 583 head were yarded—a full supply—and as most buyers had supplies on hand competition was only fair, and values unchanged. On Tuesday, 29th inst, however, with a yarding of 1217 head, competition was spirited, and higher values resulted. Backfatters are in very good demand, owing to a good order for this class on the market. Extra prime and heavy made to 60s, good and weighty 50s to 58s, light 40s to 48s, others less. Baconers were in fair supply. Competition very good, and late rates firmly maintained. Best realised to 38s 6d, good and heavy 33s to 36s, prime light 30s to 33s, others from 25s. Porkers were in very good demand at slightly improved rates, especially for prime light sorts. Best realised 21s to 24s 6d, good and heavy 18s to 21s, prime light 15s to 18s, others less.

Calves.—290 head were penned yesterday, almost entirely comprising small young sorts, prime heavy vealers being exceedingly scarce. There was the usual attendance of buyers, who contested well, especially for prime heavy descriptions, which were dearer than last week. Prime heavy yearlings brought 70s to 76s, odd ones more; good and heavy 60s to 68s, others less; prime heavy vealers 60s to 65s, good 50s to 58s, prime light 43s to 48s, others less; poddies and small sorts from 5s to 25s, according to size and quality.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Elder, Smith, and Co., Limited, report:—Cattle: 450 yarded. About half were prime and the balance useful to good quality. 280 from Queensland, 80 from Victoria, 60 from the north, and the balance local. The demand was duller, and prices were easier, several buyers operating outside. Prime beef realised 27s per 100lb. We sold 80 cattle. Sheep: 4800 yarded. The bulk were good quality, chiefly merinos from New South Wales. Requirements were small and there was no improvement in values. Graziers purchased 200. Quotations: Prime merino wethers, 22s to 24s; prime merino ewes, 19s to 21s; crossbreds easier, wethers to 25s, ewes to 21s. Lambs: 2300 penned. Prices firmer. We sold 1100.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1144 fat cattle were yarded, including 500 from New South Wales. Prices ruled 10s to 15s per head under last week's rates, heavy weights suffering most. About 90 head were bought by Adelaide buyers. Prime pens bullocks realised £10 15s to £11 10s; extra ditto ditto, £11 15s to £12 17s 6d; odd beasts to £13 15s; good ditto ditto, £9 to £10; second ditto ditto, £7 10s to £8 10s; with light steers, £5 15s to £7. A few exceptionally prime cows £9 10s to £11 15s, others £5 to £8 10s. 100 fat calves penned, which realised late rates. Prime steers and heifers, 80s to 120s. Prime calves, 50s to 60s. A few small vealers 20s to 35s.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited; John Bridge and Co., Limited; Dalgety and Co., Limited; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited; Pastoral Finance Association, Limited; and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Furskins.—Kangaroo and wallaroo ruled firm, while scrub and rock wallaby realised rather higher prices. Best rabbitskins declined ½d per lb, other sorts being irregular and lower. Opossumskins: 122,675 were offered. A very strong market prevailed, and prices ruled 3d to 6d per dozen higher. Quotations:—Grey kangaroo, large 48d to 73d each, medium 22d to 42d, small 12d to 21d; red kangaroo, large 45d to 71d, medium 16d to 37½d, small 9d to 15d; wallaroo, large 40d to 51½d, medium 21d to 36d, small 10d to 20d; wallaby, scrub, large 15½d to 31d, medium 4d to 15d, small 1d to 3d; wallaby, swamp, large 18d to 45d, medium 4d to 16d, small 1d to 3½d; wallaby, rock, 2d to 11d; goats, best 23d to 30d, seconds 6d to 20d; bears, best 14d to 18½d, seconds to 14d; rabbits, first 9½d to 10½d per lb, medium 6d to 8½d, small and inferior 2½d to 5d. Opossumskins: Super grey, 19s to 23s 6d per dozen; first grey, 14s to 18s; second grey, 10s to 15s; super red, 18s to 22s 6d; first red, 15s to 17s 6d; second red, 9s to 13s 6d; first rumped, 6s 9d to 8s 9d; second rumped, 4s 6d to 6s; torn and weevily, 1s 6d to 4s; super black, 37s 6d to 54s; first black, 25s to 30s 6d; second black, 10s to 20s.

Leather.—Sales were held yesterday by Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd. Requirements were not of large extent, and small clearances were effected, notably in russet tweeds, medium calf, and super kips. Light grades of basils were in good request. Sole leather was slightly easier, while harness, bridle, and bag ruled rather quiet. Quotations:—Calf tweed, best 20½d to 23d per lb, medium 15d to 20d; cow tweed, best 17d to 18d, medium 15½d to 16½d; yearling tweed, best 18d to 19d, medium 16d to 17d; split yearling tweed, best 16½d to 17½d; waxed calf, super 24d to 27d, medium and fair 21d to 23d; kip, super 14d to 14½d, medium 13d to 13½d; waxed yearling, best 17½d to 19d, heavy 13d to 17d; dressed splits, super 8d to 9½d; sole, heavy 11d to 12½d, medium 9½d to 10½d, faulty and damaged 6½d to 8½d; shoulders, 8½d to 9d; bellies, 6½d to 7d; splits, rough butts 5d to 6d; basils, 1 shoe 14s to 15s 6d per dozen, 2-shoe 8s to 10s, 3-shoe 5s to 6s, saddlers 16s to 18s, greasy 9s 6d to 11s; bridle, 11s 6d to 13s 6d per side; bag, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; harness, best heavy, brown 12½d to 13½d per lb; medium 11½d to 12½d, heavy black 13½d to 14d, medium 12d to 13d.

Bark.—Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report holding a bark sale yesterday, when about 3000 bags were submitted, and 1000 sold. There was a small attendance of buyers, and bidding was brisk throughout, late values being firmly maintained. Quotations:—Heavy chopped £7 5s to £7 15s per ton; extra to £7 17s 6d; medium, £6 12s 6d to £7; light, £4 15s to £5 10s; inferior, £1 10s to £4.

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GIRILAMBONE MINING COMPANY.

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HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Girilambone Mining Company was held yesterday at the company's office, Mutual Life-buildings, Mr. Leonard Dodds presiding. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. The report stated that tests had just been completed on the oxidised ore from the mine, with satisfactory results, and it was expected that by treating this ore by leaching, operations would become profitable. The unwatering of the mine was being proceeded with, and would be finished during the next few months, and when the lower levels were exposed, and sulphide ore available for treatment, it would assist in putting the mine in a better position. The great demand for copper in the world's markets, and the high price of the metal, had caused an inquiry for copper properties, and the board was taking steps to dispose of the mine on satisfactory terms. The property was large and valuable, but a considerable sum of money was required to thoroughly open up and develop its resources, so as to secure and maintain an output worthy of the mine. During the half-year 25 tons 15cwt. 1qr. of ingot copper was sold, realising £5642 3s 5d.

The mine manager, in his report, stated that in connection with the leaching plant work had proceeded smoothly throughout the half-year, the plant having been made more efficient by the addition of a second storage vat for liquor, and an improved system of launders for precipitating the copper. 153 charges of tailings were put through, amounting to 7241 tons, at an average of 2.14 per cent. of copper. Owing to the presence of the sulphides in the tailings, the average amount of copper extracted was not more than 1.24 per cent., the residues still containing .90 per cent. of copper. In spite of the continual decrease in the value of the tailings, the cost of production per ton of copper had been steadily reduced throughout the half-year.

The balance-sheet showed that the debit balance, which stood, on December 31, at £4930, had been increased to £5283, or an increase of £353, as the result of the six months' operations. The expenditure totalled £6000, the receipts during the same period being £5647, of which the proceeds of sales of copper amounted to £5642, and £13 was received in the form of rent.

Mr. Leonard Dodds was re-elected a director, and Messrs. J. E. O. Daly and W. M. Henriques were elected as auditors.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was a large number of sales reported in the Broken Hill division of the Mining market yesterday. Quotations for these stocks were rather unsettled, but, generally speaking, somewhat firmer. Broken Hill North and South both sold at improved rates, the former rising to 44s 3d, though later sales were down to 43s 6d. Block 14 and British Broken Hill were also quoted at an advance. On the other hand, Proprietary, Block 10, Junction, and Junction North were quoted a shade easier, though the sales recorded show a slight improvement. Local gold was again quiet and unchanged, while the few sales in Queensland gold evinced a firmer tendency.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Crowl Creek	0 11 9	0 12 6
Ditto, contributing	0 10 0	—
Girilambone Mining	0 1 4	0 1 6
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 1 8	0 2 0
Queen Bee	0 16 0	0 17 3
O.K.	0 10 0	0 11 9
TIN.		
Briseis	0 16 3	0 17 0
Smith's Creek Proprietary	—	0 3 6
Stannary Hills	0 3 10	0 4 4
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	1 3 0	—
Ditto, Privileged	1 1 0	1 2 9
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 10 0	2 11 0
Ditto Block 10	3 7 0	3 8 6
Ditto Block 14	1 1 6	1 2 6
Ditto preference	1 2 6	—
Ditto, new issue	1 1 6	1 2 3
B. H. Junction	0 5 8	0 5 10
B. H. Junction North	0 9 2	0 9 6
B. H. North	2 3 0	2 4 3
B. H. South	3 7 6	3 8 6
B. H. South, contributing	2 18 9	2 19 6
B. H. South Blocks	0 11 6	—
Ditto, contributing	0 3 9	0 3 11
New White Leads	0 1 0	—
Sulphide Corporation (preference)	1 0 0	—
Sulphide Corporation (ordinary)	0 9 0	0 9 3
Overflow	0 2 6	—
Ditto, contg.	0 2 5	—
Tasmania.		
Curtis and Davis	0 0 9	—
Mount Lyell	1 1 6	—
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 1 8	0 2 1
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 0 11	0 0 6
Occidental	0 0 0	0 0 6
Woodlark Island	0 1 9	—
Ditto, contributing	0 0 10	0 1 2
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Araluen Central	0 13 6	0 14 0
Ditto, contributing	0 12 3	—
Cope's Creek	0 4 0	0 4 6
Jembaicumbene	0 2 0	—
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	0 1 8	0 2 6
New Cooper	0 4 0	—
Wilberforce	0 4 0	—
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Band of Hope	0 5 8	—
Bonnie Dundee	0 2 0	0 2 2
Brilliant Block	—	0 9 0
Brilliant Central	0 11 9	0 12 9
Brilliant Extended	0 17 6	0 18 0
Ditto, contributing	0 16 6	0 17 0
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	—	0 2 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 7
Grand Junction Consols	0 2 2	—
Grant and Sunset Extended	—	0 3 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 8
Kelly's Queen Block	0 3 9	0 4 2
Ditto, contributing	—	0 3 0
London	—	0 7 3
Ditto, contributing	0 6 3	—
Marshall's Queen	—	0 4 6
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 9
Mount Morgan	—	2 19 0
North New Irish Girl, contributing	0 0 1½	—
Queen Central	0 4 6	0 5 0
Queen Central Block	—	0 2 9
Queen Cross Reef	0 9 0	0 9 7½
Ruby	0 2 10	0 3 2
Vesuvius	0 1 3	0 1 8
Victoria and Caledonia Block	—	0 4 10
Ditto, contributing	0 3 9	0 4 3
Victoria and Queen	—	0 3 3
Victory	0 5 3	0 5 4
Gympie.		
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1, contributing	—	0 0 6
North Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 0 6
Ditto, No. 1	—	0 4 6
Ditto, No. 2	—	0 0 6
North Phoenix, No. 1	—	0 1 6
Ditto, No. 5	—	0 0 6
North Smithfield	—	0 0 3
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	—	0 12 0
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 8 6	0 9 0
South Great Eastern, No. 2	1 1 0	1 1 6
Western Australia.		
Associated	2 18 9	3 2 9
Chaffer's	0 2 0	—
Great Boulder	—	1 5 6
Great Boulder Perseverance	0 12 6	—
Hainault	1 3 9	—
Kalgurli South, London register	—	1 6 6
Oroya-Brown Hill	3 4 6	—

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following are the sales reported:—Overnight: Broken Hill South, contg., 58s 6d. Early: Kelly's Queen Block, paid, 4s 2d. On 'Change: Nil. Later: Brilliant Extended, paid, 17s 9d; contg., 16s 9d; Broken Hill Junction, 5s 9d; Broken Hill South Blocks, paid, 11s 7½d; Broken Hill Block 10, 67s 3d, 67s 9d; Sulphide Corporation, 9s 3d; Broken Hill Junction North, 9s 3d; Broken Hill Block 14, pref., new, 22s 1½d; North Broken Hill, 44s 3d; Broken Hill South, paid, 68s; Broken Hill Proprietary, 50s 6d, 51s, 50s 9d. Noon: Broken Hill Proprietary, 50s 9d; Broken Hill Junction, 5s 10d; Broken Hill South, paid, 68s; contg., 59s 6d; Victory, 5s 4d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 8s 9d; Sulphide Corporation, 9s 2d. Later: North Broken Hill, 43s 6d, 44s, 43s 9d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 50s 9d; Broken Hill Block 10, 68s 6d; Victory, 5s 4d; Champion (Vic.), 5s 4½d; North Broken Hill, 43s 6d. Afternoon: Broken Hill South Blocks, contg., 3s 10d; New Hillgrove Proprietary, 9s 3d; Araluen Central, contg., 12s 6d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 50s 6d. Later: North Broken Hill, 43s 9d; Overflow Mines, 2s 5d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 9s; No. 1 North Oriental, 4s 6d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 50s 6d; Broken Hill Block 14 (pref., new), 22s; South Glanmire and Monkland, 9s 6d; Broken Hill Junction, 5s 5d; Day Dawn P.C., 11d.

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company report having consigned 3157 tons of blister copper for the current half-year.

The manager of the Mount David Gold-mining Company reports having treated 660 tons at the battery for three weeks four days, yielding 100oz 5dwt retorted gold.

The Oroya-Brown Hill, Kalgoorlie, has declared an interim dividend of 4s per share, free of income tax, payable on September 25 to shareholders registered on the books of the company on September 11.

The Mount Morgan Company has declared its monthly dividend of 3d per share, payable on September 1.

OVENS VALLEY DREDGING COMPANY.

The ninth half-yearly meeting of the Ovens Valley Gold-dredging Company was held at the company's office yesterday, Mr. R. W. Hardie presiding. The retiring directors, Messrs. R. W. Hardie and Felix Randle, were re-elected, as also were the retiring auditors, Messrs. H. B. Allard and John Waugh. The report and balance-sheet, which were unanimously adopted, showed that during the half-year three dividends had been paid, equal to 9d per share, absorbing £1101 11s 3d, also that a reserve had been formed, to which it is intended to add from time to time. A dividend of 3d per share was declared, and will be payable on September 1.

MINING IN THE STATE.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Owing to repairs to runners in the main shaft, the North mill only ran 15 shifts for the week, treating 1720 tons crude sulphides, which produced 360 tons concentrates, bulking 59 per cent. lead, 18ozs silver, 7½ per cent. zinc. Despatches totalled 462 tons concentrates to Port Pirie, leaving about 592 tons on the floors. The productive stopes in the far north and southern sections are looking first-class. The week's output averaged 20 per cent. lead, 7oz silver, and 15½ per cent. zinc, which is about the general average for the current half-year. During the week 339 cubic yards of mullock were distributed. The main central mullock pass, which will serve the southern section, is rapidly approaching completion. Another 32ft of rising and sinking between the 500ft and 600ft levels will give a clear passage to the 700ft level. Some time ago the management decided to continue sinking the present main shaft to below the 900ft level, but this arrangement has been altered. Instead, the new mullock pass will be continued to the 950ft level, and when this depth is reached the body there will be opened on and explored. Matters in connection with the sinking of the new main hauling shaft are rapidly proceeding. The shaft has been deepened and squared 21ft, and is now being collared. Preparations are nearly completed for starting rising from the 290ft, 400ft, and 500ft levels towards this shaft.

Preparatory work to increase the ore output at the Junction North is proceeding. The rise for ventilation and mullocking purposes at the 837ft level will shortly be connected with the level overhead, when the good ore exposed in the exploratory drive can be expeditiously and safely worked. Two stopes in the northern and southern sections of this level are returning a fair quantity of ore. Stoping is proceeding on the sill of the 937ft level, and likewise at the 1037ft level north, the water being kept down to the 1137ft level by pumping and periodical baling. The level itself can be always drained in a few hours.

KIANDRA, Wednesday.

Much excitement has been caused by the discovery of a copper lode at Glory Hole, 10 miles from Kiandra, by A. M'Millan and D. Elword. Samples of sulphide copper ore have been forwarded for assay, but no returns of the assay value have yet been received. A large area has been pegged out.

At Birch Willow the Elevating Company for a run of six days won 6oz.

MORUYA, Wednesday.

Shipments of ore from different claims at Donkey Hill are made weekly. Prospects continue bright, and new ground is applied for frequently.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Associated (col.), 60s 9d, 60s 3d, 60s 6d, b 60s 3d, s 60s 9d; ditto (London), 61s, 60s 9d, 61s; Associated Northern Blocks (col.), b 23s 3d, s 23s 9d; Cumberland, 4s 6d, 5s, b 4s 11d, s 5s; Great Boulder, 24s 4½d, 24s 10½d, b 24s 9d, s 24s 10½d; Golden Pole, 21s 6d, 21s 9d, 21s 6d, b 21s 4½d, s 21s 7½d; Lake View Consols (col.), 25s, 25s 6d, b 24s 9d, s 25s 9d; North Kalgurli, 3s 1d; North Boulder, 8½d, 9d; Oroya Brown Hill (col.), b 65s 6d, s 67s; Princess Royal, paid, 13s, b 12s 9d, s 13s 3d; ditto, contg., 12s, 11s 9d, b 12s, s 12s 9d; ditto Central, 3s 3d, b 3s 4d, s 3s 7d; Queen Margaret, 2s 9d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 11d; South Kalgurli, 22s 6d; Westralia Waihi, 2s 11d, 2s 11½d, 2s 10½d, b 2s 10d, s 2s 10½d; Victory United, 6, 8; Broken Hill Proprietary, 50s 9d, 51s 1½d, 50s 9d, b 50s 9d; ditto (pref. A), 22s 6d, b 22s 6d, s 23s; ditto (B.), 22s 3d, b 22s 1½d, s 22s 4½d; British (old), 23s 3d, 21s 6d, 22s 1½d, b 23s, s 23s 1½d; do. (new) 22s 9d, 21s 9d, b 21s 9d, s 21s 10½d; Block 10, b 68s, s 68s 6d; Junction, 5s 10d, 5s 11d, 5s 2d, 5s 3½d, b 5s 3d, s 5s 'd; North, 44s 6d, 43s 3d, b 44s 6d, s 44s 9d; South, paid, 67s 6d, 68s, b 67s 6d, s 68s; ditto, contg, 59s 3d, 59s 6d, b 59s 3d, s 59s 9d; South Blocks, paid, 11s 10½d, 11s 6d, 11s 6d, 11s 7½d; ditto, contg, 3s 11d, 3s 10d, b 3s 9½d, s 3s 10d; Junction North, 9s 8d, 9s 5d, b 9s 4d, s 9s 5d; Sulphide Corporation, 9s 4d, 9s 1d, b 9s, s 9s 2d; Gladstone, b £35 10s, s £37; Tarcoola Blocks, 2s 7d, b 2s 7d, s 2s 9d; New White Lead, 1s 3d, 1s 1½d, b 1s 1½d, s 1s 2d; Mascotte, 6s 6d, 6s 8d; Mungana, 1s 9d, b 1s 8d, s 1s 10d; Egerton, paid, £19 15s, £20; Paull's Consolidated, b £16 10s, s £15 10s; Wallaroo, b 25s 3d, s 26s 6d; Briseis, b 16s 7½d, s 16s 10½d; Briseis Extended, b £24, s £25; Stannary Hills, 4s 3d, 4s 2d, b 4s 1½d, s 4s 2½d; Smith's Creek, 3s 1d, 3s, b 3s, s 3s 1d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Chillagoe, s 1s; Mount Molloy, cont., s 26s; Mungana, b 1s 6d, s 2s; O. K. Copper Mines, paid, s 11s 3d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

Sales: Brilliant Central, 12s; Brilliant Block, 7s 11d; Brilliant Extended, 16s 11d, 17s; Carrington Lion, 11½d, 1s; ditto, paid, 1s 3d, Clark's B. W. and Victory, 1s 6d; Golden Alexandria, paid, 5s 6d; Imperial, 7½d; Kelly's Queen Block, 2s 11d; Lion West, 7d; ditto, paid, 9½d; London North, 10d; Marshall's Queen, 2s 5d; ditto, paid, 4s; New Irish Girl, 2½d, 3d; New Brilliant Freehold, 3s 3½d, 3s 1d; New Queen, 3s 6d, 3s 7d; North Queen, 1s 6d; Phoebe, 3s 2d; Queen Cross Extended, 11½d, 11d; Queen Central, 4s 11d; Ruby United, 1s 1d, 1s 2d; ditto East, 9d; ditto, paid, 1s 3d; Vesuvius, 1s 3d; Victoria and Queen, 3s; Victory, 5s 4d, 5s 3d.

Quotations:—Bonnie Dundee, b 1s 10d, s 2s 1d; Brilliant Central, b 11s 9d, s 12s 1d; Brilliant Block, b 7s, s 7s 4d; ditto, paid, b 7s 9d, s 8s 3d; Brilliant Extended, b 16s 10d, s 17s; ditto, paid, b 17s 6d, s 17s 10d; Carrington Lion, b 6s 9d, s 6s 10d; ditto Excess, b 6d, s 10d; ditto East, b 11d, s 1s; ditto, paid, b 1s 6d, s 1s 8d; Clark's B.W. and Victory, b 1s 5½d, s 1s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s 11d, s 1s 11½d; Day Dawn P.C., b 11d, s 1s 1d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, b 2s 4d, s 2s 6d; School Reserve, b 1s 3½d, s 1s 3d; ditto, paid, b 2s 5d, s 2s 6d; Mexican, b 6s 9d; ditto, paid, b 10s 9d, s 11s 6d; Golden Alexandria, b 4s 11d, s 5s 2d; ditto, paid, b 5s 6d; Grant and Sunset, b 2s 6d, s 2s 9d; ditto, paid, b 2s 8d, s 2s 11d; Grand Junction, b 2s 1½d, s 2s 3d; Imperial, b 7d, s 8d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 2s 11d, s 3s; ditto, paid, b 4s, s 4s 3d; Kulamadau, b 2s 4d, s 2s 6d; ditto, paid, b 2s 7d, s 2s 9d; Lion West, b 7d, s 7½d; ditto, paid, b 9d, s 10d; London, b 6s 1d, s 6s 3d; ditto, paid, b 6s 9d, s 7s 3d; London North, b 11½d, s 1s; ditto, paid, b 1s 4d, s 1s 5d; Marshall's Queen, b 2s 5d, s 2s 6d; ditto, paid, b 4s, s 4s 1d; Mills' United, b 22s 4d, s 22s 9d; New Irish Girl, b 2½d, s 3d; ditto, paid, b 10d; New Brilliant Freehold, b 3s 1d, s 3s 2d; Craven's Caledonia, b 1s, s 1s 1d; New Queen, b 3s 7d, s 3s 8d; North Queen, paid, b 1s 5d, s 1s 6d; O.K. Copper, s 11s; Papuan, b 2s 4d, s 2s 7d; Phoebe, b 3s 1½d, s 3s 2d; ditto, paid, b 5s 4d, s 5s 6d; Queen Cross Reef, b 9s 4d, s 9s 7d; Queen Cross Extended, b 11d, s 11½d; Queen Central Block, b 6d, s 8d; Ruby, b 1s 9d, s 1s 10d; ditto, paid, b 3s, s 3s 3d; Ruby United, b 1s 1d, s 1s 3d; ditto, paid, b 2s; ditto East, b 8½d, s 9d; ditto, paid, b 1s 3d, s 1s 3½d; Transpacific, b 45s, s 48s; Vesuvius, b 1s 3d, s 1s 4d; Victoria and Queen, b 2s 11d, s 3s; Victoria and Caledonia Blocks, b 3s 9d, s 4s; ditto, paid, b 4s 6d, s 5s; Victory, b 5s 2d, s 5s 3d; Wallis' Day Dawn, b 1s 2d, s 1s 2½d; ditto, paid, b 1s 9d, s 1s 10½d.

Ten thousand shares were sold on 'Change.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Sales: South Glanmire and Monkland, 9s 3d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, 4s 7½d.

Quotations: Columbia Smithfield, b 1s, s 1s 6d; Columbia Extended, b 7d, s 8d; South Glanmire and Monkland, b 9s 4d, s 10s; ditto Tribute, b 1½d, s 2½d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, b 4s 6d, s 4s 8d; Oriental Surprise, b 11½d, s 1s 2d; No. 2 North Oriental, b 5½d, s 6½d; No. 1 South Oriental, b 2s 1d, s 2s 6d; Eastern Smithfield Tribute, b 10d, s 1s 4d; Wilmot Extended, b 11d, s 1s 1d.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

Sales: Colebrook, 5½d.

Quotations: Tasmania, b 16s, s 20s; North Tasmania, b 1s 6d, s 2s; Magnet, b 24s; Colebrook, b 4d; Briseis, s 17s; Mount Bischoff, s £48 15s; New Brothers Home, s 27s; Pioneer, b £5 5s, s £5 12s 6d.

GOLD IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Inspector for Mines, Mr. W. H. Matthews, who was instructed by the Butler Government to proceed to the MacDonnell Ranges and examine the mining fields in order to enable the Ministry to judge whether the Oodnadatta railway should be extended to Central Australia, has furnished an interesting report, the tenor of which is that the country is not yet sufficiently developed to justify the sending there of expensive machinery. The chief doubt seems to be whether the reefs which are being worked will continue to a depth. He thinks that some of the ore bodies may be proved to go down for a considerable depth, but they are merely surplus outcrops, and not of a permanent nature. Mr. Matthews suggests the amalgamation of the claims into one big concern. He says that the Government should subsidise the companies to develop the country. In the White Range field 6562 tons of stone yielded 7943oz gold. Winnecke's and Arltunga, which caused so much excitement two years ago, have yielded 870oz gold from 600 tons of stone.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Aug. 30.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday prices of Australian mining ventures were:—

Associated Gold Mines, b £3, s £3 1s.

Mount Lyells, b 22s 6d, s 23s 6d.

A TRUISM.

The independent testimony of scientific experts and the most eminent skin specialists awards PEARS' SOAP the first position among toilet soaps.—Advt.

For Children's Hacking Cough at Night, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1s 6d.—Advt.

THE LIQUOR PROBLEM.

SAFEGUARDS IN PROPOSED BILL.

SOME RIGOROUS INNOVATIONS.

VIEWED FROM VARIOUS STANDPOINTS.

After so much heated controversy on the subject, the publication of the chief features of the Government's new Liquor Bill naturally caused the deepest interest. In many branches the measure falls short of the ideals of the prohibitionists, but in many others it goes far beyond the wishes of the licensed victuallers. Before it can become law it will have to run the gauntlet of very vigorous and heated fighting, and doubtless there will be some compromises. A close scrutiny of the bill shows how drastic are some of its proposals.

For instance, under the present Act a publican is liable to a penalty of £10 if he "knowingly" permits drunken or undesirable persons to remain upon his premises. The new bill omits the word "knowingly," which means that the licensee must positively keep his house clear of such persons.

For years the police have been agitating for this amendment, always contending the difficulty of proving that the publican was aware of the character or state of all those under his roof. There are other clauses which show the Government's desire to make it easier for the Crown to secure convictions. The onus of proof is in some instances at present with the police. In future, if the bill goes through, with its main principles intact, the onus of disproof will be on the publican—a very wide difference.

Thus, sub-clause 4, of clause 18, reads:—"Every licensee, upon whose licensed premises any person is so found, shall, unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Court or justices that such person was on such premises for a lawful purpose, be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds."

Nor is the publican the only one affected in this way. Clause 16 makes it compulsory for persons other than lodgers, servants, inmates, or travellers found frequenting an hotel in prohibited hours to show that they are there "not in contravention of the provisions of this Act," or be liable to a fine of £2. There is, in short, much in the bill to engage the study of the publican, his customers, and teetotallers.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ALLIANCE.

INTERVIEW WITH CANON BOYCE.

"I suppose that you have read the new Liquor Bill?" was the first question asked of Canon Boyce, president of the New South Wales Alliance, by a "Herald" reporter.

Yes, but I have not had time to weigh all its provisions. I can only give my personal opinions, as the council of the New South Wales Alliance has not yet considered the bill; it will do so to-morrow, Thursday.

Is the bill any great advance on the existing Act?

Decidedly it is. We won the fight at the general election in a decisive way, and we have a right to expect a full Local Option Bill. It is remarked sometimes that we owe our advanced position to the women's vote, and it is said to detract from our work. But who started in this country womanhood suffrage? The temperance party, as that movement originated with the W.C.T.U., and the party kept it alive on its hundreds of platforms until enacted. The local option clauses of the bill are its main features, as everything that touches the existence of a license is more important than regulating a license when issued. I consider that it will be a great and wonderful advantage to vote on the three issues that the bill contains of continuance, reduction, and "no license." It is the New Zealand law. It also merely concedes what has been the right of the people in Canada and the States for a long time. I think all kinds of licenses should be subject to the vote. I am glad to see that the Parliamentary electors and not the ratepayers are to vote. A general election will be an excellent opportunity for them to give their decision and save the expense consequent on a separate poll. These democratic provisions for each locality should strongly commend themselves. The Ministry deserves honour for dealing with the question.

Do you approve of a two-thirds majority to bring in "no license"?

Decidedly not, though I am glad to notice that a bare majority will carry reduction. We should have majority rule as in Parliamentary elections. Many persons do not understand how large a majority two-thirds is. It means a double vote. It means two to one, or 2000 votes against 1000. I regard this as most unfair, and as requiring an unwarrantably large preponderance. In Queensland there is a two-thirds majority, and the "no-license" clause is practically a dead letter. In New Zealand the majority is three-fifths, but in Canada and the States a simple majority rules.

Is that your only objection?

No; there is a worse clause. It is on page 20. It requires that a poll shall have no effect unless half the electors on the roll record their votes. Such a clause would render the bill nugatory. The idea was tried in New Zealand and signally failed; also, I believe, in Victoria, and abandoned. Opponents simply advised all their supporters not to vote, and they stayed away, causing the poll to be invalid. Opponents also took names of those who voted, and so violated the secrecy of the ballot. As only about 65 per cent. of the electors usually poll in Parliamentary elections, to require such a vote is ridiculous. There is no trouble about a fair number voting in a full local option poll, as the contest is commonly severe and exciting. I trust that this clause will be omitted when the bill is in committee, when no doubt other modifications may be made.

What is your attitude on the time notice in the bill?

I had to expect that we should be required to make some concession on this point. I do not like the notice of three years after the poll for a house against which there is no recorded charge. It is too long, and as there will be probably a couple of years before a general election, and therefore a poll, it means a time limit of five years. All precedents elsewhere are time limits before polls are taken—an all-round general notice—not after. The proposed arrangement saddles us permanently with the trouble, while the other would give us a clean bill after three years. In New Zealand there is no such matter—polls have been in November, and the bars closed when the license expired on June 30 following. I have always advocated the arrangement there, and would prefer it even if I had to wait two or three years before it began.

Do you expect an immediate effect by polls after the notice has expired?

I believe the people will reduce licenses in most places, but think a two-thirds majority would spoil the "no license" clause. Yet in New Zealand after 11 years over three-fifths of the bars remain open. The law would not work harshly here.

You will see that there is a change as to Sunday closing?

Yes. This point touches the regulation of the traffic. The clause is a very good one, indeed. It changes the onus of proof as to persons found in public-houses in prohibited hours, and should make the Sunday-closing law thoroughly effective. It is very like the English law as to violations of the law in prohibited hours. I hope that the bill will be read a second time on an early date, and an honest attempt made in committee to make it the best possible measure in the interests of the people. I cannot expect to have everything just as I would like, but having given much attention to the whole question for many years it is only right to state what I think. The bill, with the alterations indicated, would, in my opinion, be by far the greatest measure of social reform ever introduced into our Legislature, and prove a lasting blessing to the people of this State.

SECRETARY OF THE ALLIANCE.

"THE BILL WORTHLESS."

Mrs. Clark, secretary of the N.S.W. Alliance, speaking from the temperance point of view, expressed dissatisfaction with three of the main features of the bill. Firstly, sub-section 4 of clause 60 practically made the local option provision inoperative, because it was stipulated that the majority of the electors should vote. Numbers of people could refrain from voting. How many members of Parliament, Mrs. Clark asked, had obtained a majority vote? At the last general election the Government was anxious to get the women's vote, but under this bill they think as much of one vote of a publican or person interested in the liquor trade as they do of two women. Here they want a majority of two-thirds, which was a heavy handicap, for in New Zealand the three-fifths majority was considered to be tremendous. These two provisions were what the Alliance took most exception to. A third matter that was viewed with disfavour was that the local option vote did not include all licenses, such as wine, club, spirit, and brewers. The bill also proposed that there should be five years' notice given to the trade. The Alliance had stated that it would not oppose two years' notice. It was now provided that there should be three years' notice after the poll was taken. That had never been done in any other part of the world. These provisions made the bill absolutely worthless from the Alliance standpoint.

THE PROHIBITION PARTY.

Mr. G. D. Clark, secretary of the prohibitionist party, when asked to express his views said his council had not yet met to consider the bill, but that he was prepared to give his own views on it without speaking officially.

"The bill," he said, "apart from the provisions dealing with the local option question contains a number of excellent clauses, which if carried into law will doubtless have a very good effect in bringing the traffic under more reasonable conditions than at present. The most objectionable portions of the measure are those relating to the local option provisions. The clause requiring, for instance, a two-thirds majority to make 'no license' effective is altogether out of date, while the provision requiring that half of the voters on the electoral rolls should record their votes in order to constitute a poll will render the provisions of the bill inoperative.

"The experience of New Zealand," he went on to say, "under a similar law years ago was that the drinkers and their friends refrained from voting, and hence, although it often happens that a large majority of the votes recorded are against licenses, they have no effect, because the proportion of voters have not gone to the ballot box.

"In that respect our bill is far below the Queensland law, which was passed 20 years ago. Although that law requires a two-thirds majority to carry prohibition, yet the law there allows the majority of those who have voted to decide—not two-thirds of the voters on the rolls.

"Another very objectionable feature to the bill," he continued, "is the provision for three years' time compensation in the event of an electorate deciding in favour of 'no license.' There is no law in the world which gives the publicans any time after any vote has been taken, beyond the expiration of the licenses current at the time.

"The provisions in Mr. Wade's bill in regard to clubs I look upon," said he, "as an honest attempt to deal with a very difficult question, but they will require careful watching and some amendments when the bill reaches committee. On the whole the Government is to be congratulated upon the introduction of the bill, and if it is amended in the direction of securing to the people something like fair play it will likely prove of considerable benefit to the country."

THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Mr. John Ashton, general secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, said that from a cursory glance at the bill it appeared to be the work of a layman, and it occurred to him that a much better measure in the interests of the publican and the public could have been drafted had expert evidence been called in, such as that which could have been given by the Licensed Victuallers' Association. The main feature in the bill seemed to be that one-half of the voters must record their votes before the bill became effective. But seeing the importance of the subject, and the fact that it concerned the very living of 3000 hotelkeepers, he thought four-fifths of the voters on the roll should record their votes before the bill should be worth anything. As to the compensation question, the three years' time limit hinted at under best conditions was nothing but legalised robbery, as it would be impossible for a hotelkeeper having, say, a 10 or 15 years' lease, to get anything like what was invested in the time stated by the Government. It evidently was the intention of the Government to do the best it could for the whole community. But under this proposal to rob the publicans the community would not be benefited. Besides, the public do not desire this, the publican certainly does not, the Government, if it understood the question, would not, and the temperance party were the only people delighted. He thought clubs should pay the same license fee as hotels and observe the same hours of closing. In regard to the one bar system the proposal in the bill was grossly unfair. To make existing hotels, some of which had two or three bars, do away with all but one, would be entailing on them an expenditure of hundreds of pounds, or else allowing the space so occupied by the bars to be used simply for storage purposes. Why should legislation be made retrospective? The only object for this was to prevent the sub-letting of bars, but this was an object that could be attained by stricter police supervision. Mr. Ashton adversely criticised various other portions of the measure, including that relating to youthful applicants for liquor, the closing of hotels on polling day (which was an insult to the intelligence of the community), and the "'silly' clause (15) relating to Good Friday and Christmas Day. He also argued that an applicant for liquor should be compelled to pay for that just the same as under clause 18 he had to pay for meals or accommodation, and further, he considered the publican should be represented in the special court to consider the question of reduction.

NEWCASTLE.

THE IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION ACT.

SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIER AS A PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

An extraordinary case under the Immigration Restriction Act came before the police court this morning, when Captain Pritchard, of the ship Blythswood, now in port, was proceeded against for permitting a prohibited immigrant to land.

Customs Officer Rush stated that when the Blythswood was ready to proceed to sea, and had entered outwards at the Custom-house, he boarded the ship, and on mustering the crew found that one man, named E. B. Hinds, was missing. As Hinds was not of European birth or descent, he was a prohibited immigrant, and proceedings were therefore taken against Captain Pritchard, who was responsible for the man under the Act.

Mr. Sparke (of Sparke and Millard), who appeared for Captain Pritchard, stated that the case was an extraordinary one. He would not call any evidence in defence, contending that the prosecution had failed to show that the man was on the ship's articles. He stated that the prohibited immigrant was a well-educated man, and held a second mate's certificate. When the Boer war broke out he enlisted in a British regiment, and served through the greater part of the campaign. After receiving his discharge from the army he joined the Blythswood. Hinds, it was stated, was also a Royal Navy Reserve man, and was therefore liable at any time to be called on for active service on a British man-o'-war.

The Magistrate: Did the Customs authorities know that Hinds had been a soldier, and was a R.N.R. man?

Customs Officer Rush: We have had men here before this who were prohibited immigrants, and who produced their R.N.R. certificates in court.

Mr. Sparke: The ship's papers show that he is a R.N.R. man. He believed Hinds came from Los Angeles, on the West Coast of the United States, and was very slightly coloured. He was not present in court, as his term of service under Captain Pritchard expired a few weeks ago, and he asked to be paid off. The captain at once handed him the amount due to him. Hinds then went ashore, and it was not known exactly where he was. It seemed ridiculous that the man could not be admitted into the Commonwealth when, if the country were plunged into war to-morrow, he might be asked to defend these shores.

After argument on two technical points raised by Mr. Sparke, the magistrate stated that he would look into the provisions of the Act, and give his decision to-morrow morning.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The following were the clearances to-day:—Thessalus, barque, for Pisagua (Chili), with 2590 tons coal; Hobart, s, for Fremantle, via ports, with 2300 tons coal; Regina Elena, barque, for Caleta Coloso (Chili), with 3398 tons coal.

The Newcastle Hospital is over £700 in debt, and in order to liquidate this sum a series of entertainments are to be given under the management of Mr. Clarence H. Hannell. The first benefit was given to-night in the Victoria Theatre, when the drama, "Still Waters Run Deep," was produced. The house was crowded, and it was announced that after paying expenses the sum of £200 would be handed over to the hospital.

THE CHURCHES.

BALMAIN EAST METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The 60th anniversary of the Balmain East Methodist Sunday school has been celebrated during the past two Sundays by special services in the church, the preachers on the first occasion being the Revs. E. Fox, W. C. Willard, and J. Penman, and on last Sunday the Revs. T. Walker and W. W. Roger, the pastor of the church. The hymns used on both occasions were obtained from America for the services, and were rendered by the scholars, assisted by an adult choir. There were large congregations, and the anniversary was in every respect a notable and successful event. The closing meeting was held in the church last night, when the Rev. Dr. Sellors presided. Addresses were delivered by the chairman, the Rev. W. W. Roger, and teachers and scholars, past and present.

NOTHING BETTER.

There is no better cough medicine made than Chamberlain's. It acts on nature's plan, loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, and effects a speedy and permanent cure. It is pleasant to take, and this is of much importance when a medicine must be given to small children.—Advt.

THE COMMERCE BILL.

CONDEMNED BY MR. WADE.

ITS CONSTITUTIONALITY CHALLENGED.

POLICE POWER OF THE STATES.

EFFECT ON TRADE.

THE BUTTER INDUSTRY.

The State Attorney-General, in the course of an interview last night, denounced the Commerce Bill which is now before the Federal Parliament. This is the measure which Mr. Joseph Cook said on Monday proposed to place the commerce of Australia in the hands of Sir William Lyne.

"This Commerce Bill," said Mr. Wade, "was referred to incidentally by the Premier in answer to a question last week, and again last night. I see by 'Hansard' that it has been discussed with some severity by the Opposition in the Federal House, but the public at large have not the slightest conception of the drastic nature of the measure. Although we have surrendered our governing rights to the Federal Parliament in such matters as commerce, I certainly think that the public should realise what is going on in far-off Melbourne. In the first place, although the Constitution enables the Federal Parliament to deal with matters affecting the trade and commerce of other countries, and among the States, the primary and readable purpose of that power was to enable the Federal authority to exercise supreme control in securing smoothness and rapidity in the transport and exchange of products and traffic, not only between the component parts of the Commonwealth, but between the Commonwealth and outside countries. On the other hand, the States are supposed to retain those powers necessary for ensuring the safety, health, and morals of the people within its boundaries. The police power of the State is one thing, and very distinct from the commerce power, which has been surrendered to the Commonwealth. But if one is to gather anything from this bill now before the Federal Parliament, it would look as if they proposed to entirely usurp the police functions of the various States.

"THE FEDERAL JURISDICTION.

"Again, the jurisdiction of the Federal Government in respect to commerce can only arise at a point when an article has been produced or manufactured within the State, and is about to start upon its journey elsewhere. Looking at the matter from an ordinary common-sense point of view, the method of manufacture, the name of the manufacturer, and the source of the product are matters with which the commerce power has no concern. Yet we find that section 3 of the bill declares that the trade description which is to be attached to the articles of commerce has to contain some reference or information in regard to the manufacturer or producer of the goods, or the person by whom they were selected, packed, or in any way prepared for market. As I say, all these matters are wholly antecedent to that point and time when the goods having been manufactured are despatched upon their journey out of the State. Again, sub-clause D provides that a trade description has to cover the mode of manufacturing, producing, selecting, etc.

"Sub-section E of that clause deals with the material or ingredients from which the goods are composed or derived. I have not had an opportunity of examining authorities on this point, but it does seem worthy of deep investigation as to whether these conditions, being irrelevant to the transportation or exchange of goods, are not unconstitutional.

"Then sub-section A of the clause provides that the trade description is to apply to, amongst other things, the quality and purity of goods. Though it may seem strange if goods are diseased or decayed so as to be unmarketable they cease to be articles of commerce, and are therefore beyond the jurisdiction of the Federal powers."

"UNPRECEDENTED AND HIGHLY DANGEROUS."

"These are matters affecting the constitutionality of the proposed measure, but quite apart from that, there are elements in the bill of a character, I think, both unprecedented and highly dangerous. For example, the general outline of the bill is to the effect that a trade description shall be applied to all goods either exported or imported, and the attaching of a false trade description involves some person or persons in a penalty. Now, the definition of a trade description is left very vague in the bill, and capable of all manner of extension at the caprice of an elastic mind. Yet the bill provides that the Governor-General may by proclamation prohibit either the importation or exportation of any goods which are specified under the proclamation, unless there is applied to these goods a trade description of such character, and applied in such a manner as prescribed by the proclamation or regulations.

"This is legislation by executive act with a vengeance. There is no provision in the bill for imposing any check on the regulations or upon the terms of the proclamation itself. The proper place to interpret the Act is the law courts, yet this provision I have just mentioned practically gives the Executive power to interpret in their own way these wide variations of the term 'trade description.'

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

"Great complaint was made in regard to the Customs Act, wherein it empowered the Executive to prohibit certain goods being imported into the Commonwealth. But in that Act it is only fair to say that in nearly every instance the class of the prohibited import was specified, and the grounds of prohibition were declared to be some characteristic of the imported article which offended against either the safety or the morals or the health of the Commonwealth. Under this Commerce Bill it is left entirely to the Executive to state on what grounds goods can be prohibited from either importation or exportation. If the Minister might prescribe that goods which did not comply with the ordinary requirements of health or decency should be prohibited it would not be so bad, but the present proposals give rise to the question as to whether they are constitutional or not.

"When we give an elastic mind an opportunity to interpret an elastic definition of a trade description it is open to the Minister to practically control the inward and outward trade of the Commonwealth. It may mean that the Customs Act and the Tariff Act in combination put an obligation upon the importer of goods, whereby the duty imposed may prevent successful trade inside the Commonwealth in competition with the local article.

DANGEROUS EXECUTIVE POWER.

"If legislation fails to keep outside the ring fence any particular class of goods, I can see no reason, as this bill is now drawn, to prevent a Minister of the Commonwealth imposing prohibitive conditions as to character, make, description, or quality, and so giving to the Executive the power to exclude goods indirectly, which by the direct words of the existing law would not be shut out.

"Take an example. Supposing some question arose in regard to the manufacture of agricultural implements. It might happen that a firm in some State of the Commonwealth was able to produce an article at a certain figure, but the tariff might not be sufficient to exclude an article from Canada or the United States from entering and competing with the local manufacturer. The Minister might in this proclamation lay down conditions in regard to the manufacture of the imported article, as to the manufacturing, or selecting, or checking, or as to the material of which it is composed, which would have the effect of either excluding the foreign article or imposing heavy obligations upon the trader.

TRADES-UNION LABEL.

"Again sub-section D, as I said, provides that the trade description has to apply to the mode of manufacture. The article might be made by non-union labour, yet it is feasible that the proclamation might prescribe that any goods brought to the Commonwealth that did not contain the union label specifying the mode of manufacture should be prohibited articles. That any court of justice would allow this gross interference is scarcely likely, but in the meantime business relations might be entirely paralysed and trade driven away for ever from the Commonwealth.

"Then it is possible to conceive that for pure blackmailing purposes a suggestion might be made that some article of food, say, biscuits, contained certain injurious ingredients. The Minister might prohibit the goods with such ingredients for export.

ARBITRARY POWERS TO OFFICIALS.

"Then we see the arbitrary powers given to the officials under this bill. Under section 5 an officer is enabled to enter any ship, wharf, or place, to break open any packages, and do all things necessary to enable him to carry out his powers and duties. If any person offends against the Act his goods may be forfeited. The individual owning the goods may be made a criminal, although there is the magnanimous provision that the Comptroller-General of Customs may permit any goods that may have been so forfeited to be returned to the owner on security being given. But in the meanwhile the owner may have lost his ship, and possibly lost the benefit of the contract in respect of the goods so seized. Here is another instance of the gross interference with individual liberty that is proposed.

"Section 8 provides that no person shall import any goods to which a false description is applied. Certainly the unfortunate defendant may show that he did not knowingly import the goods in contravention of the section, but that can only be established by himself giving evidence of the fact. It is not part of the Crown case, for all the prosecution need prove is that the goods had been imported with a false trade description attached to them. Now a false trade description means a description which by reason of something omitted from it is false, and irrespective of whether it is likely to mislead in a material way or not. Referring to the definition again of a trade description, it is found to refer to the number or quantity, or gauge, or size of the goods. It has been the law since time immemorial that the purchaser should take the risk of seeing that he obtains the goods he bargains for. There is no reason why a transaction should not be completed and the goods delivered, when the consignee has the right, if they do not comply with the contract to bring an action for damages. What possible harm can be done by allowing the law to continue to operate in this manner?

NEARER TO UNIFICATION.

"The inevitable result of passing this bill will be to harass and delay the consignor of the goods at every stage. One effect will be to hand over to the Federal authorities the power of determining all conditions in regard to butter export. To my mind this bill seems to point in two directions: first, to the destruction of all external trade, and, secondly, to bring us one long step nearer to unification of the continent by vesting the Federal Parliament and Executive with the sole control of all the smaller details of commercial life which have in accordance with the Federal bond been, and must be, left to the component parts of the Commonwealth."

COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

MILTON, Wednesday.

The net proceeds of the hospital ball last week was £13 4s.

Mr. Blackburn, who has had several contracts for railway sleepers, has notified the men cutting for him that work will cease after September 23. Allen Taylor and Co. are pushing on with the tram line at Red Head. This will tap a splendid supply of timber.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

At the Town Hall last night, Colonel Bell lectured on "Little Giants of the East." Mr. F. A. Franklin, M.I.C.E., presided.

SMALL ARMS FACTORIES.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

In regard to the proposed establishment of Commonwealth small arms and ammunition factories, as suggested by the Progress Association, Mr. Ewing, Vice-President of the Executive Council, writes:—"This question is now under consideration. I feel justified in saying that the Government are in agreement with regard to the end in view. The means is the trouble."

MUNICIPAL.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

Mr. A. Gartrell has been elected unopposed to represent East Ward in the Municipal Council, in place of Alderman Thain, resigned.

COWRA, Wednesday.

Alderman Wordsworth has been elected delegate to attend the Municipal Conference on behalf of this borough.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

The Peak Hill Council is obtaining particulars regarding gaslight from a Sydney firm, with a view of lighting the town with gas.

THE CHURCHES.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

It is understood that the Rev. W. M. Martyn, incumbent of the parish of Taralga, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Bishop, under certain conditions. Mr. Martyn is advanced in years. He is greatly esteemed by the parishioners.

FIRES.

NOWRA, Wednesday.

The residence of Mr. T. Soper, at Cambewarra, was burned to the ground last night. Nothing was saved. The property was insured.

COOLAH, Wednesday.

The body of a newly-born child was discovered to-day in a waterhole a few yards off the main Mudgee road, near here. It is understood that the police are prepared to prove a capital charge in connection with the discovery.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

Besides the mail train, four special trains left Coonamble yesterday with wool and fat stock for Sydney, and fat stock for Melbourne. Still there are numerous complaints of the scarcity of trucks here for fat stock.

COWRA, Wednesday.

Mr. Allen, fruit expert, of the Hawkesbury College, gave a demonstration to-day in tree-pruning to the senior pupils of the Superior Public and Convent Schools, at the request of the committee of the School of Arts.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The presentation of an address, accompanied with a purse of sovereigns, was made last night to Mr. William Harley, of Casino-road, on his removing to Bangalow.

ROBERTSON, Wednesday.

Captain Mackenzie, Adjutant of the First A.L.H. Regiment, inspected the Robertson Lancers to-day. Notwithstanding that snow, rain, and hail fell all day, there was a good attendance. The commanding officers were Major McEvilly and Lieutenant Wood.

WEE WAA, Wednesday.

Much regret is expressed at the removal, for health reasons, of Mr. J. T. Molloy, who has been over 22 years postmaster here. His successor is Mr. Morris, of Inverell.

AMUSEMENTS.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"Ingomar," with its poetic and idyllic love story expressed in scholarly English, proved an excellent choice for the matinee at Her Majesty's Theatre yesterday. Although ladies were in the great majority, the applause from the audience was very cordial. Miss Nance O'Neil, who looks a beautiful Parthenia, and acts the part with real simplicity and sincerity, was particularly fortunate in her association with the best Ingomar yet seen here. The change from "Marie Antoinette," which continues to keep its place in the evening bill, was merely due to the fact that the character of the French Queen is the cause of too great a nervous strain on the star for the extra matinee, in addition to which Miss O'Neil may entertain a reasonable objection to being guillotined twice in one day! Although it is five years since the poetic drama was last staged here (with Miss O'Neil and Mr. Harry Plimmer in the chief parts, October, 1900) most people will remember that the story shows how old Myron, the armourer, is seized by the Alemanni and borne off as a slave; how his daughter Parthenia nobly offers herself to the barbarians as hostage for his ransom; and how she subjugates by her beauty and virtue the uncouth chieftain of the tribe. In the present revival the forest-scene is beautifully staged, and here Miss O'Neil delivered the many tender lines in which Parthenia describes how love blossoms in the heart with much tenderness, and with a shade of pathos in the voice appropriate to the situation of a lonely and sorrowing girl. Mr. John Glendinning, with his beaming dark eyes, large rich voice, and jocund laugh, was an almost ideal Ingomar, and the make-up with long plaits of hair, and in other respects like "a war-beast well-bearded," suited him well. Mrs. Henry Bracy once more delivered with point the motherly and worldly-wise advice of Actea to her child. Mr. Mario Majeroni was highly effective in a theatricay way as the lean and miserly Polydor, and the cast included Mr. Gaston Mervale as the Timarch of Masilia, and Mr. Jeffrey Williams as old Myron. Miss Ricca Allen and Mr. Harry Overton, who were in the piece five years ago, again assisted. "Ingomar" is always attributed, and wrongly so, to Maria Lovell. That lady merely translated it into English. It is from the German of Frederick Hahn, a pseudonym for Baron Munch Bellinghausen, the foremost German dramatist of his day, who produced it as long ago as 1843 under the title of "Der Sohn der Wildness" ("The Son of the Wilderness").

Mr. J. C. Williamson announces "Magda" for Saturday, with Miss O'Neil in her original Australian character, and Mr. McKee Rankin as the old Colonel.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

The City Organist opened his classic matinee recital at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon with Bach's "Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor," the thunderous termination to which he played most brilliantly. Mr. Arthur Mason also rendered a truly exquisite "Concert Adagio" by Gustave Merkel, melodious in the most elevated manner, and showing the greatest ingenuity of invention in a beautiful section of it in which the theme for vox humana was accompanied by flowing passages for flutes. Mr. Mason, who was cordially applauded, should certainly bring this piece forward again, and at a popular recital. "The Ride of the Valkyries," a colossal organ-transcription, recreated the German dramatist's tone-picture in vivid fashion, and the programme also included the same composer's "Forest Murmurs" ("Siegfried"), Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," and Guilmant's march founded on Handel's theme, "Lift Up Your Heads." The City Organist will give a popular recital on Saturday.

MRS. M. GOLDING'S CONCERT.

Mrs. M. Golding gave a concert entertainment at St. James's Hall in aid of the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital last night, when, however, the bleak, unseasonable weather militated against a large attendance. Apart from some smartly-rendered banjo and mandoline solos by Mr. W. J. Stent and Masters Geo. and Roy Smedley, the programme consisted entirely of songs, varied by occasional dances, and it says much for the constancy of the young people assisting that, in spite of the cold, there were only five absentees in a formidable entertainment of 37 different numbers.

AUSTRALIAN LIBERAL LEAGUE.

A meeting was held at Pyrmont last night, at which a branch of the Australian Liberal League was formed. Mr. Thos. Bathye presided, and Mr. Archdale Parkhill addressed the meeting. The following office-bearers were elected pro tem.:—President, Mr. J. Bannister; committee, Messrs. Woods, Conway, Watson, Parbury, Mesdames Stevenson, Kinsela, Christison; secretary, Mr. Geo. Parkhill.

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RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS DIVIDED IN OPINION.

PREMIER AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER AT VARIANCE.

MR. THOW CRITICISES THE VICTORIAN REPORT.

Another batch of correspondence on the locomotive question was laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly yesterday by the Premier. The first document is an extract from the report of a deputation from the Iron Trades Employers' Association that waited upon Mr. B. R. Wise when discharging the duties of Acting Premier on April 15, 1904. The object of the extract is to show that Mr. C. Oliver, Chief Commissioner of Railways, expressed the opinion that it would probably involve the Government and the Railway Commissioners in an expenditure of £100,000 if the State undertook the construction of the locomotives. This expenditure, he said, would be necessary, as it would involve the erection of separate workshops, the present Eveleigh workshops being required for repairs and renewals.

The next document is a letter from the Railway Commissioners to the Minister for Railways, in which the former set out the result of letters written by them to the Clyde Engineering Company, Messrs. G. and C. Hoskins, and Messrs. Martin and Co., of Gawler, requesting to be informed if they would reduce their tenders. The Clyde Company confirmed their previous tender of £71 13s 11d per ton. Messrs. G. and C. Hoskins could not see their way to put in another tender at a reduced price. Messrs. Martin and Co. apparently intimated they did not wish to send in an amended tender.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS NOT IN UNISON.

"A TOTALLY INACCURATE" STATEMENT.

Some striking remarks are contained in a letter to the Minister for Railways from the Railway Commissioners, Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Fehon. It appears Mr. Carruthers sent to those officers the letters received by him from Mr. Oliver on June 16 and 26. Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Fehon, in their letter of August 28, state that they were previously unaware that these letters had been written by the Chief Commissioner. They also directed attention to the fact that in a letter to the Premier on May 26, Mr. Oliver stated that, after Mr. Kirkcaldie's return from England, the Commissioners had reiterated their views "as to making an experiment in the Eveleigh shops." Replying to the assertion, Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Fehon say:—"We are compelled to characterise the statement as totally inaccurate." They proceed to say: "We have, for reasons which we believed, and still believe to be sound, not favoured the building of locomotives in workshops under the control of the Commissioners."

Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Fehon also directed Mr. Carruthers' attention to the fact that Mr. Oliver made it appear that Mr. Thow looked forward (if the engines were built at Eveleigh) "to a material reduction in the cost as the men gained experience at the work." Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Fehon inform Mr. Carruthers that Mr. Thow never at any time led Mr. Oliver to believe that the engines could be built for much less than his estimate of £71 13s 11d per ton. "In answer to us," observe Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Fehon "he (Mr. Thow) has on more than one occasion expressed doubt as to whether the first few engines could be built at his estimate."

MR. THOW ON THE VICTORIAN COMMISSION.

GROTESQUE CONTRASTS.

The Chief Mechanical Engineer of the New South Wales Railways, Mr. Thow, does not waste many words whilst criticising the report of the Victorian Royal Commission of inquiry into the relative cost of constructing locomotives at the Newport railway workshops (Melbourne) and the Phoenix Foundry (Ballarat). He asserts that the report leaves matters practically where they were. Mr. Thow closes his report with the following pertinent remarks:—"All sorts of grotesque contrasts can be picked out of estimates and subjected to the treatment adopted by Mr. Woodroffe, who has utterly failed to realise the amount of work provided for by the New South Wales figures, which he quotes in his rejoinders to the Victorian Commission. The resultant or the gist of the whole question is simply this: The estimates of the cost of P and T class engines which were furnished by the New South Wales locomotive officers remain justified by our own past experience, and by the experience of every other Australian manufacturer who has had anything to do with similar work outside the Newport workshops; and that if we adopt the figures of the Newport officers instead of our own it will have to be done in the face of our experience and what we believe to be common sense."

MR. CARRUTHERS AND MR. OLIVER.

The Chief Railway Commissioner, writing to the Premier on June 16, said:—"Since preparing my report of June 12 I have yours of June 9, replying to mine of May 26. Possibly my report of June 12 has anticipated some of your criticisms, and has already helped to remove some of the misapprehensions and difficulties now referred to by you." Mr. Oliver claimed, as Chief Commissioner, the right to address the head of the Government direct, either with or without consulting his colleagues at any time, when the circumstances of the case seemed to require that such a course should be adopted in the public interests. He informed the Premier that he (Mr. Oliver) had made no departure in his views already expressed. Dealing with the question whether, if the policy of local manufacture is to be adopted, it is better to build the engines in the Government workshops or by contract, Mr. Oliver remarks:—"It is obvious that the labour conditions prevailing here need not be taken into consideration, as practically these conditions affect equally the cost of manufacture, whether undertaken by the Commissioners or by private individuals. I hope I have made my meaning clear. These considerations, if kept in view, will, I think, remove some of the misapprehensions, and clear away some of the difficulties referred to by you, and tend to show that there is no inconsistency whatever between my most recent statement and previous official communications to which I have been a party."

The Chief Commissioner added that he had had further conversations with Mr. Thow, and while that officer was not prepared to reduce his estimate, he looked forward—should the engines be built at Eveleigh—to materially reduce the cost as the men gained experience at the work. He pointed out that he had not denounced—as stated by Mr. Carruthers—the Victorian Royal Commission's figures, and that there was nothing in the memorandum of April 4 capable of such a construction. Further, there was nothing in any of his letters to justify the Premier in his statement that he invited the Government to guide their actions in this matter by the actual ex parte statements of a gentleman obviously interested. He asked the Government to do no thing of the kind, but to again consider the desirability of adopting his suggestion of making an experiment in the Eveleigh workshops if the policy of local manufacture is decided upon.

PREMIER ON MAJORITY RULE.

On June 16 the Premier replied to Mr. Oliver. He stated that that gentleman was wrong in assuming that his colleagues had been called upon, in the absence of the Chief Commissioner, to report generally on the broad question of accepting a tender from the Clyde Company. He blamed the Commissioners for precipitating a controversy instead of waiting till they were asked to deal with the question. As he had said to a deputation that the Government would, when an offer was received from the Clyde Company, refer it to the Commissioners for report. When that offer was received it was so referred. As to the Chief Commissioner addressing the head of the Government, the Premier thought it would be better not to ignore his colleagues where the interests of the public were likely to be involved. He had to recognise the law which constituted three commissioners, and to be guided by the majority opinion. The Government had not adopted Mr. Oliver's suggestion to await the issue of the report of the Victorian Royal Commission, but, whether Mr. Oliver made the suggestion or not, the Government would not act without having the benefit of the commission before which the Commissioners submitted the valuable evidence of Mr. Thow, and before which other expert testimony was taken. The concluding sentence of the letter was: "I note your reply to the other matters, and desire to simply say that I take it as your final word in justification of what is to me a remarkable change of attitude."

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OPINIONS UNCHANGED.

Mr. Oliver replied, under date June 26, saying that he had not ignored his colleagues; he had not written in justification of anything, because there was nothing to justify; and he had not changed his opinions.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL.

Mr. BRUNKER moved the second reading of this bill, and said its object was to give the Government power to extend the term of leasehold from 50 to 99 years. It was not considered wise to leave the land in its present condition. A very large quantity of land was available to those who desired to acquire holdings in the locality, and there was little doubt that under the extended tenure proposed, the land would be occupied in a very short time. The extension of the period of lease would give the Government an opportunity of utilising the land in an advantageous way.

SIR NORMAND MACLAURIN: Why not sell the land?

Mr. BRUNKER: We have not the power.

SIR NORMAND MACLAURIN: Why not give it now?

Mr. DANGAR: Bring in a bill to give the Government the power.

Mr. BRUNKER said that there was an immense population in the vicinity of Observatory Hill, who would probably desire to acquire homes for themselves, and that would enable the Government to turn the land to profitable account in the general interests of the public.

Dr. MACKELLAR: If you do not sell the land you will have inferior houses erected.

Mr. BRUNKER: The Government have no objection to sell if they can realise on satisfactory terms.

Mr. DANGAR: Is the Government asking for the right to grant improvement leases?

Mr. BRUNKER: No; I think the Government have had quite enough of that already.

SIR NORMAND MACLAURIN said that the bill as it stood did not commend itself to h.m., as it would prevent freehold tenure, which naturally commended itself to every man as being the most independent, and one which encouraged men to improve their property themselves. A long leasehold tenure such as the Government desired to give by the bill had, so far as his experience went, been exceedingly injurious to the progress of the country, and there was no doubt that the system of long leaseholds had proved an evil in London. The bill seemed to him to be another attack upon the principle of freehold tenure, which had so frequently been made of late, and he thought the bill should give power to the Government to sell the land.

Mr. TRICKETT said he looked upon the measure as another stage in the muddle which had arisen over the resumption of the Rocks area—(hear, hear)—and which had caused an immense amount of trouble and irritation to property owners. The Government now proposed, instead of altering the character of this part of the city and improving it, to lease the land, but he thought it was a most objectionable form of tenure, especially where the Government was concerned. They should safeguard the interests of the citizens in this matter, and not pass legislation of this kind.

SIR JOHN SEE said he thought it was preferable, especially in the case of town lands, that they should be sold right out rather than leased. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. KATER said that while he agreed with the remarks of the hon. Sir Normand MacLaurin, he objected to the amendment suggested, as it would leave it open to the Government to sell or lease the land referred to as it pleased. He thought it should be sold outright. The system of long leaseholds had proved a failure in New Zealand. Before they voted for the bill, hon. members ought to satisfy themselves that the Government were acting wisely in the matter, and he did not think they were.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he was of opinion that the Government had power to sell the property under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act. If hon. members wished to hamper the Government in dealing with an unproductive asset of this sort, they would have to take the consequences of disarranging the finances so far as this matter was concerned.

Mr. DANGAR: Is not that a threat?

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he thought he was entitled to show the House what would be the result of throwing out the bill. The Government would be able to handle the land in a better way if they could grant extended leases, and there was no doubt that in its present condition it was deteriorating.

Mr. EARP said he understood that the present was not a favourable time to sell the land. He felt disposed to vote for the bill, and if it was thought necessary to give the Government power to sell the land it could be done in committee. The Government had to do the best they could with the land in the interests of the public, and they should have the powers of an ordinary landlord in doing so.

Mr. DANGAR said that if the Government were the freeholders of the land they could lease or sell it as they pleased, and therefore he did not see the necessity for the bill. He quite agreed with much that had been said by Mr. Trickett as to the inadvisability of the Government being landlords, especially so far as property of this kind was concerned, for the Government was notoriously the worst landlord that they could have. Indeed, he thought it would have been better if the Government instead of leasing Crown land had sold it outright from the first, following the American and Canadian plan.

Dr. NASH said that the sanitary conditions of the Rocks area had immensely improved since its resumption by the Government, and they had secured a better class of tenants. In regard to the bill, he thought the Government should have the extended power asked for in regard to leasing the land.

Mr. PILCHER said that the Government must take the responsibility upon their own shoulders of deciding whether to lease or sell the land, but at the same time care ought to be taken in order to see that the Government had an honest intention of making this locality one of the best in the city, as from its position it was intended to be.

Mr. BRUNKER replied, and the motion for the second reading of the bill was carried on the voices. The House then went into committee on the bill.

Clause 2, "Power to lease land."

Sir NORMAND MACLAURIN moved an amendment giving the Government power to sell the land.

The amendment was carried on division by 20 to 6. The clause as amended was agreed to.

Consequential amendments were made in the title and preamble, and also in clause 1. The bill was reported with amendments, and the third reading was made an order of the day for the following day.

SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY (AMENDING) BILL.

The House went into committee for further consideration of this bill.

Clause 28, "Appeal to District Court," and 29, "Proceedings on appeal," were omitted.

Clause 30, "Rules made by the Governor," was amended on the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council, so as to protect the scale of costs and fees now in force under the principal Act, and to allow the Governor to make any alterations in the scale which might be necessary in consequence of the passage of the present bill.

Two new clauses were inserted on the motion by the Vice-President of the Executive Council, and progress being then reported leave was given to sit again on the following day.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the second reading of this bill, and said that in one form or another the question dealt with had received considerable attention in that House. (Hear, hear.) The conclusion had at last been arrived at that the most effectual way of dealing with crime was to prevent the manufacture of criminals—(hear, hear)—and the main object of the bill was in that direction. The proposals in the bill were pretty much the same as those proposed in 1902 by Mr. Wise, when he was Attorney-General, and it practically dealt with children who came under the cognisance of the State Children's Relief Department, and the higher and inferior courts. He found that in 1903 216 children between the ages of 8 and 16 had been brought up at the police courts.

Dr. MACKELLAR: One child has been arrested and committed this year who was less than 5 years old.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that any person who had to do with the Department of Justice or the police courts could not fail to be horrified at the number of children who were brought before the courts. One new feature in the bill was that in clause 22, under which the Court might deal with neglected or uncontrollable children on parole. Another important provision, though not a new one, was that children would not be allowed on the streets after certain hours, unless they were of a certain age or—in the case of children who had to earn their living—they had a license.

Dr. MACKELLAR supported the bill, and said that clause 22 was one of its best provisions. It, however, required amendment so that there should be some guarantee as to good conduct if the child was released on probation. He regretted that there was no provision dealing with wife and child deserters.

Sir ARTHUR RENWICK also supported the bill, which he said was a most excellent one, and a considerable advance on bills of a similar character introduced during former Parliaments. The measure would, however, require amendment in some points.

Mr. FOSBERY said he congratulated the Government upon bringing in the bill, but he was not sure that the administrative clauses were not too circumlocutory, and that they would not increase the expense and retard the proper working of the measure when it became law. It would be better if some of them were curtailed. He hoped that the bill, which was an extension of the Industrial Schools Act, was merely an instalment of social legislation that would be of far greater benefit to the community than almost any other measures that could be introduced. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. TRICKETT also supported the bill, and said he would be glad if the representative of the Government could see his way to introduce a provision to deal with truant children. The number of such children was abnormally large, and truancy was very often the first step in a child's downward path.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that the matter of truancy was engaging the attention of the Minister for Education and the Government, but he did not see how a subject of such importance could be dealt with in the present measure, as it would involve the establishment of truant schools.

The motion for the second reading of the bill was agreed to, and the consideration of the measure in committee was made an order of the day for the following day.

CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the second reading of this bill, and said it had been found necessary to introduce it by reason of a defect in the Crimes Act on the question of bailment, and the consequent decision of the High Court in Rex v Slattery.

The bill was read the second time, and passed through committee. The third reading was fixed for the next day.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 10 p.m. adjourned till 4 o'clock on the following day.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

ABOLITION OF STATE INSURANCE.

Mr. WADDELL asked the Premier if he would give the House an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the proposed abolition of the State Insurance Fund.

The PREMIER: The question is of sufficient importance to warrant notice being given.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.

Mr. W. W. YOUNG asked the Premier if a great amount of the repairs which were sent to the Sydney railway workshops could not be done in the workshops at Bathurst and Goulburn and elsewhere.

The PREMIER said if it was desired he would submit the matter to the Commissioners.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL.

The debate was resumed on the motion of the Premier that this bill be read the second time, upon which Mr. O'Sullivan had moved an amendment that the bill be read that day six months.

Mr. HOLMAN said he would support the amendment. A kind of challenge had been made to members like him to justify their position. He had come into the House pledged to support local government, and was prepared to justify the position he now took up. All the bill did was to put the Works Department under a commission. It did not propose to decentralise the works policy, which would be put under a non-political board. He did not deny that the bill brought into existence shire councils, which would be inconspicuous bodies. They would be dead bodies, for the breath of life would not be breathed into them, because the administration would be in the hands of commissioners. Who had heard of these commissioners at the time of the elections? Various practical questions were discussed at Mr. Wise's convention, but who had ever heard of commissioners—three irresponsible non-political gentlemen sitting at Sydney? The same futile hurry which attended every step of the Federation movement attended this one. The whole matter of subsidy was to be relegated to the commissioners, and there were no legal rights provided for. The functions of the shire councils would be carried out by the commissioners in Sydney, and the councils would be their mere automata, and have to dance like puppets when they were bid. That was no exaggerated statement of the relative position of the two bodies. The first part of the bill armed the councils theoretically with certain rudimentary powers, such as the making and maintenance of roads, but in the schedule powers of a more advanced order were given. They could not be exercised, however, until a certain solemn ceremonial had been gone through. After the council had, by a majority, decided to acquire those powers, the president had to apply to the Governor. The application had to be submitted to the commissioners for inquiry, and the Governor could refuse the whole or part of the powers on the recommendation of the commissioners. The shire might ask for a plebiscite of the ratepayers to be taken, but it could not be taken unless the commissioners approved. Could this be called perfect local autonomy, when even elementary powers could be conferred only by the goodwill of the commissioners? He admitted that when once a plebiscite was granted the result was binding on the commissioners. He then proceeded to show how, in chapter 1, the inherent rights of the shire councils were limited, and he asked the House to consider whether such extended powers should be given the commissioners. If a council obtained material from private property for road-making, the decision of the commissioners would be final as to the amount of compensation. The question was not how the commissioners would exercise their powers, but the extent of their powers. By placing a prohibitive price on the material they could prohibit a council carrying out an improvement. Moreover, the councils could lease by contract any works or undertakings only with the consent of the commissioners. In the case of a boundary work between two councils, one council could compel the commissioners to exercise their powers and order the reluctant council to bear its share of the cost.

Mr. EDDEN: Whether they have money or not.

Mr. HOLMAN: Yes, and the work might be absolutely worthless. In the supposed compulsory powers of a council to resume land, the power of the commissioners likewise applied, and even a valuer could not be appointed without the approval of the commissioners. Under section 32 the commissioners had power to interfere in the rates—as to whether a rate in excess of the statutory maximum had been imposed—on the application of a single ratepayer. There was no appeal from the decision of the commissioners. On the other hand, there was no mandatory clause for the commissioners to compel a council to recover outstanding rates. The bill was one not for the establishment of local government, but for the passing of a portion of the works administration into the hands of a commission, and such he had never been pledged to, nor had the public ever heard of it at the last election. Under this bill there would be three separate bodies dealing with works, the shire councils, the commissioners, who would exercise the bulk of the powers, and the Works Department carrying out the national works. People would not know who was the proper authority to see when wanting works attended to. He regarded this attempt to split up the functions of the Works Department as probably the worst and weakest feature of the measure. That matter could not be amended in committee, because it was a fundamental principle. Regarding the financial side, he would try to show the extraordinary result which the passage of the bill would have upon the State finances. He had never been a fanatic on local government, but understood it had one great recommendation—that it would be a means of adjusting our tangled finances. The State Parliament dealt with a population not materially larger than populations which were successfully dealt with by local governing bodies in Great Britain, such as Glasgow, Liverpool, and Manchester. There was no merit in further decentralisation in itself; they had got down far enough already, but by local government they hoped to obtain a certain relief to the State finances. If they did not get that they got nothing. He would like a form of local government that would provide for automatic disappearing subsidies, so that after a time the shire councils would be managing their own affairs, and the State revenues would be free from any burden. In this bill the net result would be financial loss to the State. The bill took the land tax in the shires, about £170,000, and the State Treasurer would pay £150,000 as subsidy, so that the State revenues would be diminished by £320,000. Against that the State expenditure would be relieved, according to the commissioners, by about half the present cost of the works administration, which would make about £65,000 relief to the State. If it stopped there he did not deny the appearance of a net gain. The total land tax was, however, about £400,000, and when they abandoned it in the shires they were bound to abandon it in the municipal areas. (Labour cheers.) They found that the Municipalities Bill provided that, but there were no public works to be handed over to the municipalities, so that the bill relieved the State of no share of the expenditure. National works would still be carried on by the Works Department, so that the result was that on the one hand they made a net gain of £65,000 on the Shires Bill, but there was £230,000 land tax surrendered to the municipalities by the State, with no compensating advantage. And as Sir John Forrest, the Federal Treasurer, had stated last week that the States must expect diminishing tariff receipts from the committee, and in several years there would be an end of the bookkeeping period and the operation of the Braddon clause in the Commonwealth finances, he (Mr. Holman) submitted that the State, under this local government scheme, stood to lose a net sum of nearly £150,000. A new financial basis must be found, and until the time arrived when the shires could carry their own burdens and relieve the State expenditure, Parliament was only wasting words discussing local government. (Hear, hear.) The Labour party opposed the bill because of its franchise proposals; any scheme must stand "broad based upon the people's will." (Cheers.) The carter who drove the farmer's wheat to market had a still keener interest in good roads than the farmer.

Mr. PERRY (Liverpool Plains): He has not to pay for them, all the same.

Mr. KELLY: He has to pay for the horses if he kills them.

Mr. WADDELL gave the Government credit for grappling with a question that had troubled so many previous administrations. The producers would have to bear any additional burden that the measure might impose. He would like to clear up his position on this subject. When he was before the country last year, as head of the late Government, he had said that without great caution a local government scheme would lay additional burdens on the producer, and that in view of the recent drought such a contingency should be avoided. The people now wanted to know what new obligations would be thrown upon them by this measure. Last year the total sum expended on the services it was proposed to transfer was £391,071. It was intended to base the finances of the charge on that estimate, but he did not think that was fair. Last year's vote for those services was unusually low, and it would be unwise and misleading to make it the basis for the future. For the last six years they had been able to keep the roads in order owing to the dry weather at considerably less than they would have to spend under normal circumstances. It would be misleading to assume that they could do with the same expenditure in future. For the services which would immediately be taken over by the local bodies they would require £620,000. That amount included £20,000 for administration. The total would increase yearly as the revenue grew. In view of the extra taxation that would be required he could not see his way to give assent to the passage of this bill. With a tax of 1½d in the £ on unimproved value of land and ½d on the improved value people would pay about double as much as the ratepayers of any municipality. The pastures boards were better fitted to deal with the rabbit pest than the shire councils. It would be unjust to sweep away the allowance made in regard to direct taxation to men who had to get financial assistance by mortgages. If the bill did away with all the roads and bridges troubles of members it would be of immense good, but it would only get rid of a few. He would have been very sorry to have assented to Mr. Wise's bill. He was therefore acting consistently, and his position would be approved by a great majority of the producers, for they should not pass a measure which would remove taxation now borne by the whole community on to the shoulders of people who were struggling on the land.

Mr. FLEMING said that the State was now in as good a position to stand further taxation as ever it was or was likely to be. There was never in his recollection a time when on the same output the average of prices all round was as high as now, and the outlook had never been more promising. Therefore the State was never more prepared to bear local government than it was now. The real reasons of the objections to this bill were that it would do away with a lot of the powers of roads and bridges members, and bring into prominence men who were likely to oppose them as representatives. He outlined a few objections to the bill, but thought much more could be said in its favour. Its commendable features were elasticity, which made it applicable to all parts of the State, and the fact that money raised in a district would be spent there. As a member of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, he said the members were undoubtedly in favour of the bill generally, and he intended to support it, reserving the right to vote for any alteration in committee.

Mr. MACDONELL said it was chilled-steel cheek of the Premier to complain that people could not see their way to vote for the bill. It was not local government at all, but government administered by a commission. One of the planks in the Labour party's platform was a progressive land tax, but he regarded the bill as an attempt to throw the land tax to the wolves, as the maximum tax under the bill was 1½d. He objected to the franchise, contending that out of 650,000 electors in the State 450,000 would be debarred from a vote under the bill. In the four years preceding 1903 the annual expenditure on classified roads averaged £727,000, classified roads £36,000, and the working expenses made the total £836,000. The roads had been starved for some years. Taking the total of £836,000 as a fair amount, there would be a deficit of over £200,000 if the shires imposed the fullest taxation, and got the subsidy of £166,000, which would give a total revenue of £632,000. In Victoria, where they had not the same work to do as in this State, the revenue of all the local governing bodies, municipalities, and shires in 1903 was £1,360,000. Yet the Premier told them that £391,000 would be sufficient here, leaving out £1,000,000 altogether. The whole scheme was opposed to the principles of local government, was one of government by commission, and should not be tolerated.

Mr. ROBSON said the bill was a reasonable attempt to solve this great and difficult question. If the measure included provisions which any local government bill must contain then any member who opposed it must do so because the time was not ripe for the introduction of local government or must be entirely opposed to local government. Many of the matters objected to could be dealt with in committee. He was not wedded to every line in the bill, and admitted that he did not care for the provisions relating to the commission. He would not deprive the local councils of the proper control the management of affairs.

Mr. EDDEN remarked that every member who had spoken on the bill had, with the exception of the last speaker, practically condemned it. ("No.")

The MINISTER FOR WORKS said it was amusing to hear member after member get up and say he was in favour of local government but did not approve of the system offered in the bill. He had heard that for the last 20 years. (Hear, hear.) It would be admitted by unbiassed critics that the measure before the House was the most liberal one ever discussed in that Chamber. (Hear, hear.) He was satisfied there was not so much risk to this State in accepting local government now as there was at the time Victoria and Queensland adopted it. The time had come when it was impossible for this country to find the money necessary to construct roads and bridges, and at the same time keep abreast of the rapid settlement on the land. As to the objection taken to the measure on the ground that the law was to be administered by commissioners, he contended that it was groundless. Experience of the working of the railways and tramways showed that no one would dare to tear up the Railway Management Act. It removed a great institution from the operation of political influence, and secured the control of the railways and tramways on commercial lines. In the same manner, the appointment of commissioners to administer the Local Government Act would operate in an equally beneficial manner. A great deal had been said about the extra taxation there would be to people on the land. In the Richmond, represented by Mr. Perry—who had said the Government's proposals would tax the people off the land—there were four shires, and the total unimproved land value in the electorate was £1,320,472. The cost of works and superintendence, based on the commissioners' report, was £17,260; the subsidy that would be paid by the Government, £11,759; the land tax that would be handed over would be £3282; and the additional taxation to be raised in that huge tract of country, whose unimproved value was £1,320,472, would only be £2219. That value represented 1d in the £. All districts under local government would get more uniform expenditure than they got now, and would not be at the goodwill or mercy of the Minister for Works, but they would be entitled to expend their taxation direct, and do it more wisely and beneficially.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Dacey, George, and Jones.

The House was still sitting when our report closed.

NEW NOTICES.

Mr. Wade to move,—For leave to bring in a bill to make better provision for the suppression of lotteries; to declare fan-tan and pak-a-pu to be unlawful games; to repeal the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901.

Mr. O'Sullivan to move,—That, in the opinion of this House, in order to foster and encourage settlement upon the soil, especially by young persons and those without means, it is desirable that the land laws should be so altered as to postpone all payments for the first three years—such period being added to the end of the term over which payments are now made, so that the State will not be a loser by the change.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE HARVESTER QUESTION.

The harvester discussion seems to be flickering out. It was expected in some quarters that there would be a great outburst of indignant denial when it was publicly stated that the farmers were threatened with the operations of a huge trust which has already made its influence felt in the United States. However, nobody seems to have been very much concerned. Even the action of the Minister for Customs in raising the valuation on harvesters has not been vigorously opposed, and it seems likely that the new valuation will be allowed to go quietly on. Farmers who have studied the whole business of supplying farm implements and machinery during many years will not be surprised at any of these things. The matter is one in connection with which discussion is rather discouraged than invited by those immediately concerned in the manufacture and sale of the implements and machines. As in the case of the arrangements for the purchase of tobacco leaf, which have always effectually settled competition and forced the grower to take the price offered or keep his tobacco, nothing can be gained by letting the light of public opinion flood the fine points of the position. The Australian farmer for many a day has paid fixed rates for the implements and machines most in demand, and reapers and binders of all makes have always been exactly the same price with all agents, and harvesters, local and imported, are on exactly the same mark. The man who wishes to buy may prefer local manufacture, or he may prefer foreign. He has his choice of a machine, but there is no choice as to price. One agent or manufacturer dare not sell him a harvester below the fixed price for all. It is clear, therefore, that the farmer gains nothing by the uprising of rival firms of makers, unless some very powerful combination be formed to break the fixed price, and sell below. As a rule, however, the combination which undersells to break others simply swallows up all the little fish, and then, having the field to itself, proceeds to make the consumer pay for all that has gone before. It is related that a certain firm of manufacturers in America held out against a trust. Financed by a strong bank, this firm carried on and defied the octopus. But the octopus reached out behind the firm, and drew in the bank. It bought the financial institution, and then offered the firm the choice of coming in or being quashed. In this country certain makers of farm machines are making a great fuss about foreign competition, yet the local and the foreign makers do not really compete. They sell at a fixed price to the farmer, and no doubt if more manufacturers take up the business, they also will come in out of the wet, and sell on the fixed lists. It is said that if the duties were removed, the foreign trust would crush the local makers and then put up prices. However that may come out, it is certain that there has always been a fixed price for reapers and binders, on which no duty has been paid. The main point for the producers, who find the purchase of new plant a great drain on their resources, is that whoever wins they cannot expect that competition will be allowed to reduce prices, no matter where the machines are made.

TESTS FOR DAIRY CATTLE.

A correspondent referring to an article which appeared on Monday on butter test competitions commends the system of testing cattle for admission to herd books. He holds the view that not only should heifers be tested before being admitted, but the records of the dams, and subsequently of the grand-dams of all bulls, should be produced before the animals were allowed registration. He would begin the herd book of any breed with females only, and would admit these on proof of a certain record of butter production, afterwards admitting males on the records of their dams. In this way the herd society would eventually establish families of milking cattle, every member of which registered in the herd book would have a first-class record established by tests under official supervision. This system is followed by some owners and breeders who keep the records of their cattle in their own herd books. Many breeders of pedigree dairy stock do not consider that it is necessary to submit cattle to tests and enter their records, but the average dairy farmer who has more faith in a line of good milkers and butter producers than in the most fashionable pedigree extant, would prefer to see the records. It is, of course, assured that pedigree dairy cattle will beget milkers, but some strains are superior to others, and also some families are very much more productive than others which present all the best points of the breed in their appearance. It is very probable that some of the Ayrshire heifers which win blue ribbons mostly on the strength of their typical heads and horns would stand a poor chance of registration if butter production was the test for the herd book. Even in Jerseys buyers are often sold as well as the cattle they purchase. All Jersey milk tests well, but some of the pretty fawn-like heifers with udders about as big as a tea cup eventually give just as much of this milk as might be expected from their appearance. Everybody admits the necessity for testing dairy shorthorns, because there is always a doubt that the animal, if pure, inclines to beef, but the test is probably as necessary in other breeds as a check on irregularity. It would be a wonderful breed of cattle of which every female was a profitable butter cow. There is always a percentage of failures, and moreover by registering and breeding only from great butter producers, and their near relatives on the male side, the most valuable characteristics of the breed would be promoted. In Australia much remains to be done before the very best return for the feed consumed by dairy stock will be gathered by the farmers. Appearances and type should always be observed, but the farmer must look for results as expressed in the monthly cheque from the factory. A dairy bull may "earn" a dozen champion ribbons, and yet it may be unsafe to buy his heifers, unless it can be shown that he comes from butter-producers on both sides. More combination among breeders is needed to carry into effect measures which would render the breeding dairy stock of the State thoroughly reliable. The system of testing for admission to herd books is coming into vogue in several parts of the world. In the State of Wisconsin several breed societies have carried on the practice since 1894. The tests are carried out by a representative of the Wisconsin Experimental station over seven or 30 days, as the breed society may require. It is reported that these tests have become a material factor in the sales of dairy cattle, prices being primarily determined by the records, type and conformation coming second. The societies have their fixed records for each age, which must be made by females before these are admitted. Thus, the Holstein Friesian Association rules that at two years old females shall produce 7.2lb of butter fat in seven days; at three years old, 7.8lb; at four years, 10.4lb; and five years and over, 12.0lb. These are fairly high standards for the breed. Fifteen per cent. is usually added to the fat test to give the return in commercial butter, but that is lower than the actual quality of other matter added to the butter fat in ordinary practice.

SETTLEMENT ON CROWN LANDS.

WAGGA.—The land board, in the application for the appraisement of the capital value of several blocks of land, reported in the "Herald" last week, gave its reserved decision appraising areas from 15s to 50s. W. L. Heffernan's homestead selection area was appraised at 25s. The board also delivered its reserved decision in the Umutbee and Toonga exchange, particulars of which appeared in Tuesday's "Herald." The board stated that the amended application involved the surrender of about 1300½ acres in exchange for an equal area. Cooper's objections were sufficiently answered by Staff-surveyor Scrivener's evidence. The board recommended the granting of the amended application, as whilst it would benefit the applicants by consolidating their holdings and facilitating the more economical fencing and working, the Crown would be a considerable gainer, both in respect of the value of the lands and improvements and its suitability for immediate settlement, inasmuch as the area to be surrendered, which may be made available for settlement in the parishes of Umbango, Mate, and Oberne, forms one compact block, and is well improved by ringing, scrubbing, and burning off. Smaller areas of the surrender land in the parish of Keajura will provide access to Keajura Creek from the main Sydney road, and will secure the area best suited for the erection of a bridge over that creek. It was suggested to embody a clause in the deed of grant of the exchange land retaining the right of resumption of any land required for railway purposes. It will also be necessary to exclude from the exchange land a public school site. The board appraised the value of surrendered lands unimproved at 12s 4d per acre, and the total value of improvements at £733 9s 6d; the appraised unimproved value of exchange lands at 12s 1d per acre; and the total value of improvements at £62. The board recommended the acceptance of the surrender land, with irremovable improvements thereon, applicants not to be charged for existing improvements on the exchange lands.

STOCKOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

At the monthly meeting of the Stockowners' Association, held yesterday, it was resolved to urge upon the Minister for Lands the importance of at once introducing the Farmers and Graziers (Additional) Safeguard Act. It was stated that the high price of skins and hides had been the means of largely increasing stock stealing in the State. With reference to the large expenses New South Wales store stock buyers in Queensland were put to by the period of quarantine, between "schedule U" and the border, one member pointed out that although dipping avoided delay, seldom less than 5 per cent. of cattle (dipped in strong chemical dips) turn into wasters, by swallowing the arsenic, the chemical perforating the bowels. He quoted instances where one buyer in New England lost 100 out of 700 and another lost 80 out of 700 last year in this way.

The Minister is requested to either reduce the three months to 10 weeks, or remove the quarantine line further north towards Hughenden. Two months on the clean country, where ticks refuse to live, is regarded as ample time to prove whether beasts should be allowed to cross the border.

Mr. G. H. Gordon, of Gragin, Warialda, was elected a member of council, in place of Mr. W. Irving Winter, who resigned.

SUPERVISION OF DAIRIES AND CREAMERIES.

The Dairies Supervision Act is administered by the Department of Public Health, whose veterinary inspectors make, as far as possible, an annual inspection of the most important dairying districts. The actual everyday work of controlling dairies and dairymen is in the hands of the municipal authorities in incorporated areas, and the police have control in all other localities.

A return prepared by Mr. King, secretary to the Board of Health, shows that the number of cattle and dairy premises in municipal districts is 67,291, and in the police districts 420,785, making a total of 488,076. The number of dairymen and milk-vendors is 17,190, of whom 6030 are in municipal districts, and 11,160 under the control of the police.

THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

HOW TO BEGIN FARMING.

LECTURE BY MR. M. A. O'CALLAGHAN.

The fourth of a course of six university extension lectures on "Agriculture in New South Wales, including Dairying, Irrigation, and Forestry," was delivered at the Royal Exchange last night by Mr. M. A. O'Callaghan, dairy expert, Department of Agriculture, whose subject was "The Future of New South Wales from a Dairying Point of View." The chair was occupied by Mr. W. S. Campbell, Director of Agriculture.

The lecturer began by showing on the screen some statistical information. In 1903, he said, there were 27,539 people directly employed in dairying, and in 1904 this number had been increased to 31,391. In 1895 there were 358,411 milch cows, and in 1904 591,877. The butter produced in 1895 amounted to 23,285,512lb; in 1900, to 41,479,794lb; in 1902, to 29,950,977lb; in 1903, to 38,727,107lb; and in 1904, to 53,681,243lb. The value of butter produced in 1904 was £2,121,320. The value (approximate) of the total milk yielded in 1904 was £2,700,000.

Reference was made to the intellectual side of dairying, the dairy farmer and the microbe, the microbe and the milk supply, women in dairying, dairy education, how to begin dairy farming, and the necessary capital to make a living. Upon the subject of how to begin dairy farming the lecturer said a young man's best plan would be to go and live on a good dairy farm for some time, and take part in the various operations of farming. Having obtained sufficient experience of the practice of dairy farming to warrant his making a beginning the next question he would have to determine was: would he buy, or lease with the option of purchase, the land required? This was an important point. If the beginner had not an intimate acquaintance with the district he proposed to start in it would generally be wiser to, if possible, lease, with the option of purchase within three years. This applied more particularly to those who selected districts for their operations that had not been thoroughly tested from a dairying point of view. In a very good season even an experienced person may easily be deceived as to the capabilities of any district, or even of a particular farm in any district, and thus may at first sight be tempted to pay a price for land far above its intrinsic value. A residence of, say, three years would, however, enable even the student to sum up pretty well the value of any particular farm. It was almost always better for the beginner to start in a small way and build up his herd, etc., as his experience grew. Thirty to fifty cows would be quite enough for the first year or two, and even if he had plenty of capital his ambitions should be limited by the boundary of his experience.

In dealing with the question how to select a herd, the beginner, he said, would be wiser to commence with young stock, and await results. A man who wished to milk, say, 30 cows the first season should select 50 heifers, the progeny of dairy cows, mate them, keep the best for himself, and sell the remainder on the open market. By adopting this course considerable money would be saved, and the student was certain of having some good cows as a foundation, with their best years in front of them. It also had this advantage that he could purchase these some months before he intended to start, and put them out on agistment.

The lecturer stated that the finer points of dairying fell to women, and he advocated the education of women in dairying by the State.

MILLTHORPE.—At a meeting of the Butter Factory Co. on Wednesday afternoon it was decided to go into liquidation. The directors were appointed as liquidators. They will continue the cream supply, pending the sale of the factory by tender.

MILTON.—The local butter factory last month produced 5640lb. butter. Suppliers' net cheques totalled £1959 8s 8d.

MORUYA.—During July the Moruya factory treated 17,134 gallons of milk, at an average test of 3.735, producing from 17,774 standard gallons 1250lb cheese. Shipped and sold during August 1247 cheeses, weighing 17,675lb. Suppliers will be paid at the rate of 5½d per standard gallon for July milk.

NOWRA.—The third annual meeting of shareholders of the Nowra Dairy Company was held at the School of Arts on Wednesday, Mr. Hugh Boyd, chairman of directors, presiding. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, stated that the supply last summer reached 53 tons, and in the spring it was rising at the rate of 10 tons per month. The board had had to enlarge the plant, which meant the duplication of the works. The cream space was equal to 4½ tons of butter daily. Good sales of butter locally meant a saving in commission and freight of over £100 yearly. The profits on the export trade totalled £464. Only 3½ tons out of the total output had been sold as second quality. The report was unanimously adopted. A meeting of the Coastal Farmers' Society was subsequently held, Mr. W. Warden presiding, when a motion was passed confirming that carried at the Lismore meeting some time ago to grant shares to co-operative factories. A deputation was appointed to ask the Railway Commissioners that louvred vans should be provided for the conveyance of butter by rail.

SHEARING REPORTS.

BREWARRINA.—Yurrarrie, Tuelby, and Marrara stations have cut out. Cuttabunda, Bundabulla, Womboin, and Wolkara will finish shearing in about a week.

FOX PEST.

COST OF DESTRUCTION IN VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Since the practice of paying bonuses for the destruction of foxes was instituted in 1895 the sum of £17,804 has been paid for that purpose. The annual amount payable has shown a falling-off from £3000 in 1901-2 to £1312 in the financial year 1904-5. In a report on the subject the chief inspector, Mr. F. E. Allan, said the reduction was attributable to the high prices for skins now ruling in the open market, and to the alteration in the Act making it essential that half the proceeds arising from the sale of skins should be deducted from the amount payable in the municipal subsidy.

BOWRAL.—Foxes have made their appearance at Mandemar, and are destroying sheep there. Several lambs have been found with their tongues eaten out.

PEAK HILL.—At a meeting of the Alectown Association, formed for the purpose of taking steps to check the fox pest, Jacob Matthews was appointed president, Mr. J. L. Whitmill treasurer, and Mr. John Crawford secretary. It is intended to levy a tax on all landowners in sympathy with the movement to provide a fund to subsidise the bonus paid by the Pastures Protection Board. It is contended that so serious a menace do the foxes threaten to become to sheepowners that at least £2 per scalp should be paid for every full-grown fox destroyed.

CROPS AND PASTURES.

COWRA.—The rain during the past week (91 points) has materially benefited the late crops, which had been much retarded by severe frosts.

WOLLONGONG.—If the present slight fall of rain continues it will be greatly appreciated by the farmers. Up to the present the outlook has been very gloomy, and farmers appear alarmed at the prospects for the butter season. The pastures on this coast have suffered much from drying winds, which were very bad in the early part of this month.

OUR LEATHER EXPORTS.

Mr. J. W. Withers writes:—"Those who saw the recent exhibition of colonial manufactured articles held in the Exchange must have been pleased at what they saw. The exhibition, as an advertisement, was a success, but it taught lessons that I admit I cannot understand. I noticed that in 1902 the export of leather reached the sum of £678,600, 1903 £527,067, 1904 £408,034. What is the cause of this great falling away is a question I at the time asked myself, and to the present have failed to find an answer. I admit I am not an expert in these matters, but there are those who can explain. Is the exported leather inferior in quality? If so, then our tanners should see to it. A falling away in three years of £270,566. This lost sum speaks volumes, the loss to business, and the great loss to workmen. If the leather is inferior, then steps should immediately be taken to remedy the evil. Instead of a decreasing export, it should be an increasing one. I called the attention of a friend to this shrinkage and his remark may have a deal of truth in it, that the hides were on the beast one week and in boots the next. We are taking a great interest in the local manufacture of locomotives, as it will give work, but here, by someone's fault, we are driving work away to other countries, who are more successfully competing against our leather trade. Some do say that our tanning process is detrimental to the hides. I don't know whether this is a fact, but if it is, then our tanners should obtain the process that improves them. I am not in the position to say, but I believe I am not far out in asserting that while our export is decreasing our import of foreign leather is increasing. There are times when the fiscal question may with safety be dropped, when we have to consider such grave questions as the falling away in the exports of one of our staple industries. Had the export of our wool fallen away to the extent of our leather in so short a time, we should have heard more of it.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

PAMBULA.—Mr. J. H. Martin has been elected president of the Agricultural Society; Messrs. J. N. Small and J. W. Haywood, vice-presidents. The society's financial position for the year is good.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BOWRAL.—A good spring seems assured, and farmers are jubilant.

NEW ANGLEDOOL.—Rabbits are increasing.

WAGGA.—Mr. F. F. Fahey, of Springfield, Burrowa, who purchased, for 350 guineas, one of the champion rams at the late Wagga show, refused, within a few minutes of his purchase, an offer of 400 guineas for the animal.

RIVERINA TRADE.

EFFECT OF RAILWAY RATES ON WOOL.

HAY, Wednesday.

The recent interstate railway conference between representatives of Victoria and New South Wales, and the consequent alteration of the rates of freight for wool, have had the effect of diverting from Victoria to South Australia several clips of Riverina wool. The Paika, Canally, Alma, Mossgiel, Nap Nap, Canoon, and Oxley wool will this year be sent to Port Augusta instead of Melbourne. The Eli, Elwah, and Toganmain wool, which last year went to Sydney, will this year go to Melbourne.

TASMANIAN POTATO SUPPLY.

HOBART, Wednesday.

Produce dealers have obtained a reliable estimate of the potatoes on hand in the north-western district. The total is 78,025 tons.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SHOW.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The total number of entries for the live stock, dairy produce, and South Australian industries' forthcoming September show is 2444, against 2014 last year. This is a record entry.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

COOTAMUNDRA SHOW.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

COOTAMUNDRA, Wednesday.

The Cootamundra show was concluded to-day. The morning was dull and threatening, and the weather bitterly cold. Rain held off, however, and there was a fair attendance. The events in the horse ring were of an exceptionally interesting character. A very good lot of horses was shown, the hacks, hunters, and ponies being the best of all the classes. The three principal hunting events were won by G. Cooper's Shamrock, who showed some splendid jumping. In the lady's hunter the jumping was wonderfully even, Shamrock being two points from Harkaway and Hector, whose owners had agreed to divide. Shamrock had a good lead in the Open Hunters, keeping a good pace, and jumping very evenly all through. The following additional awards were made:—

Horses.—12-stone hack: Weir and Hudson, 1 and 2. Pony hack: S. H. Cohen, 1; F. Young, 2. Lady's hack: Weir and Hudson, 1 and 2. Pony hack, ridden by a girl: F. Young, 1; P. Roberts, 2. Pair of hacks: Weir and Hudson, 1; W. Duck, 2. Pony hack, 13 hands: A. C. Keith, 1; B. Ward, 2. Lady rider: Mrs. W. J. Davis. Girl rider: O. Young. Boy rider: J. Palmer and F. Ward, equal. Maiden hunters: Mrs. E. Wilber's Fearless, 1; A. G. Halloran's Phoenix, 2. Pony hunter: P. Roberts, 1 and 2. Pony trot: P. Roberts' Little Bobs, 1; B. Murphy, 2. Handicap trot: W. F. Nash's Highborn, 1; B. W. Morris' Trimmer Paddy, 2. Hunters: H. F. Cooper's Shamrock, 1; G. Denny's Harkaway and Weir and Hudson's Hector, divided second prize. Pony trot: W. T. Carberry's Dorrie, 1; J. W. Jones' Patch, 2. Open hunters: H. F. Cooper's Shamrock, 1; G. Denny's Harkaway, 2. High jump: H. F. Cooper's Shamrock, 5ft 5in, 1; G. Denny's Harkaway, 2. Special trot: A. G. Armstrong's The Greek, 1; A. Barnes' Dandy, 2.

Cattle.—Shorthorns: D. Weir and T. and A. Bragg were the principal winners. E. Murphy scored in Devons; W. H. Matthews was the principal winner in Jerseys; James Dillon and A. S. Troy also taking first prizes. A. S. Troy and J. Black won in Ayrshires. There was good competition in the crossbred dairy classes. The winners of first prizes were J. Elliott, W. H. Matthews, P. Maquire, Jas. Dillon, E. J. Curry, and J. Black. J. Dillon's cow won the milk test prize with 49½lb in two milkings. Hoey Bros.' cow second with 30lb. Dillon also won the butter test prize, his cow giving 2.12lb in two milkings. Champion bull: J. Elliott.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

NEW ANGLEDOOL.—Fourteen hundred bullocks, the property of Mr. Keys, of Bengalla, bound for Muswellbrook.

FATAL GUN ACCIDENT.

CASINO, Wednesday.

A sad fatal accident took place yesterday evening. Mr. R. V. Howard, in company with two others, was out shooting, when his gun burst, blowing out his brains. He was a prominent resident, and was much respected. Quite a gloom has been cast over the district.

ANXIOUS MOMENTS.

One of the most anxious times of a mother's life is when her little ones have croup. There is no other medicine so effective in this terrible malady as Dr. Sheldon's New Discovery. It can be safely given and depended upon. No mother should ever be without a bottle in the house. For sale everywhere.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

One of the best exhibitions of jumping seen at Randwick took place yesterday afternoon over the steeplechase course between that distinguished New Zealand steeplechaser Haydn, Dingo (also a New Zealander), Grafnell (an ex-Grand National winner), and Middlerise (a Victorian hunter of note). The weather was most boisterous and disagreeably cold, and a fierce south-westerly gale occasionally raised blinding clouds of dust and dried tan, but despite the unfavourable conditions the trial passed off without mishap. Haydn was ridden by the New Zealand cross-country horseman, S. Fergus, and H. Phillips, who also hails from New Zealand, rode Dingo. T. M'Donald had the mount on Nolan's charge, Grafnell, and A. Loy was on Scobie's horse, Middlerise. Haydn, Dingo, and Grafnell, almost abreast, and half a dozen lengths in front of Middlerise, raced at nearly top speed over the first three jumps, and at the top of the hill the two New Zealanders were cutting at each other a couple of lengths in front of Grafnell. Haydn took care that the pace did not slacken as they came down the hill and over the two fences facing Kensington. The quartet sailed over the four formidable obstacles opposite the stands as if they were hurdles, and racing at the last fence Haydn had a slight advantage over Dingo, who was half a length in front of Grafnell, while Middlerise was still six lengths in the rear. All except Haydn got over the concluding fence without a rap; the old horse, however, hit it hard, but recovered himself in a manner that plainly proved age has not affected his natural agility. Middlerise tapped the post and rails opposite Kensington, but the others jumped the 11 fences without touching one. Haydn is a 12-year-old son of Sou'-Wester, a Tocal-bred son of Goldsbrough, the lastnamed of whom this tough old timber-topper very much favours in type. Haydn won a steeplechase the day previous to leaving New Zealand, and looked anything but well when he arrived here a week ago. But, although still light in condition, the old horse has thrown off the soreness contracted on the journey, and as he is likely to be in good trim in another week, his presence among our steeplechasers will materially add to the interest in that branch of the sport at the coming A.J.C. meeting. Dingo, who has picked up wonderfully in condition during the past few weeks, is another that should acquit himself with credit over the Randwick fences, as should Grafnell, while Middlerise is a faultless jumper. Middlerise is a son of the Maribyrnong horse, Middlemarch, and before his jumping ability was discovered he did good service in the shafts of a buggy. After an apprenticeship in the hunting field the son of Middlemarch was tried in public, and quite recently won the Hunt Club Cup in Melbourne.

Tatterdemalion has been scratched for the Metropolitan Stakes.

Hay Licensed Victuallers' R.C. meeting, to be held on October 28, has been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Trainers' and jockeys' tickets for the Hawkesbury meeting on Saturday next will be obtainable at the Rosehill office up to 4 p.m. to-day, up to which hour bookmakers can also obtain registration. Arrangements have been made for the following train service:—10.15 a.m., horses; 11.13 and 11.50, mixed; 12.22 p.m., first-class; 1 p.m., mixed. This last will run through to the course, but will not be in time for the first race, which is advertised to start at 1.55 p.m.

Maniopoto is still quoted at 6 to 1 for the Epsom Handicap, but P.K. hardened a couple of points yesterday for the event named, and the best price now on offer is 10 to 1. The other quotations remain unaltered.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

There is nothing fresh to report in connection with the situation arising out of the determination of the V.A.T.C. and the V.R.C. committees to increase bookmakers' fees. The V.R.C. committee will on Friday consider the proposal for a compromise in regard to the fees agreed upon by bookmakers at their meeting on Tuesday night.

Medallist has been scratched for the V.A.T.C. Heatherlie Handicap, and Le Glaneur for the Caulfield Cup.

KENSINGTON RACES.

The weekly pony and galloway meeting was held at Kensington yesterday, under most unpleasant conditions. A gale of wind, bitterly cold, blew across the heath, while several driving showers of rain added to the discomfort of the club's patrons. The track was in good order, and the programme was run through without mishap. Results:—

Fifteen Hands Handicap of 30 sovs, second 3 sovs, 5f.—J. Johnson's Konig, by Ruseley (imp.)—Queen of Denmark, 8st 12lb (F. Williams), 1; B. Jonas' Pivot, 8st (McMahon), 2; T. Ward's Minion, 8st 2lb (E. Thompson), 3. Other starters: Escape, 8st 2lb; Descender, 9st 3lb; Bowylie, 8st 11lb; Volford, 8st. Betting: 5 to 4 on Konig, 3 to 1 v Bowlie, 4 to 1 v Minion, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length and a quarter. Time, 1m 5½s.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 30 sovs, second 3 sovs, 5f.—G. Perry's Kaedi, by Priam—Doenna, 7st 12lb (E. Julius), 1; F. Wilson's Maisie, 9st 5lb (F. Williams), 2; H. Andrews' Romany Lass, 7st 10lb (B. Smith), 3. Other starters: Siege Gun, 8st 11lb; Piccaninny, 8st 2lb; Bonnie Lassie, 7st 12lb; Miss Havoc, 7st. Betting: 6 to 4 v Kaedi, 3 to 1 each v Romany Lass and Maisie, 7 to 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 6½s.

Novice Handicap of 25 sovs, second 5 sovs, 4½f.—P. Horan's Discord, by Invermay—Music, 7st 10lb (J. Byrne), 1; H. McNeill's Elsie, 7st 3lb (S. Sleigh), 2; B. Jonas' Gawain, 7st 10lb (H. Smith), 3. Other starters: Yeluscam, 8st 8lb; Grafter, 8st 3lb; Princess May, 8st 1lb; Cockleshell, 8st 1lb; Tassel, 8st; The Rush, 7st 12lb; Hilarious, 7st 12lb; Iolanne, 7st 10lb; Lady Beauchamp, 7st 9lb; La Parole, 7st 9lb; Forest Empress, 7st 7lb; Flaneur, 7st 2lb; Lady Prix, 7st 2lb. Betting: 3 to 2 v Grafter, 3 to 1 v Discord, 4 to 1 v Gawain, 8 to 1 v Lady Beauchamp, 10 to 25 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 59s.

Thirteen-two Handicap of 30 sovs, second 3 sovs, 4½f.—G. Perry's Little Jewell, by Cambria—Mabel Brook, 8st (E. Julius), 1; J. Satchwell's Rotoiti, 8st 2lb, inc. 2lb over (G. Moy), 2; W. Bonson's Marie, 9st 10lb (A. Morris), 3. Other starters: Colin, 8st 4lb; Ivy II., 8st 6lb, inc. 3lb over; Isla, 7st 10lb; Little Molly, 7st 7lb; Silver Grace, 7st 5lb; Bonnie Bell, 7st 1lb, inc. 1lb over. Betting: Even money on Marie, 5 to 1 each v Calm and Rotoiti, 7 to 1 v Little Jewell, 8 to 1 v Ivy, 10 to 1 v others. Won by four lengths. Time, 1m 2½s.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 30 sovs, second 3 sovs, 4½f.—D. Tulloch's Report, by Churchill—Arbitress, 9st 4lb (J. Killora), 1; J. D. Knight's Kerreka, 7st 9lb (J. Honnybel), 2; R. Hoy's Ladybird, 8st 4lb (G. Moy), 3. Other starters: Kola, 11st 8lb; Starling, 7st 12lb; Remember, 7st 10lb; Buttercup, 7st 5lb; Dad, 7st 2lb; Robin, 7st 1lb; Fuse, 7st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Ladybird, 3 to 1 v Remember, 4 to 1 v Kerreka, 6 to 1 v Kola, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a neck. Time, 58½s.

Kensington Handicap of 35 sovs, second 5 sovs, 1m.—J. Killcombe's Opinion, by Autonomy—Amazement, 9st 5lb (F. Williams), 1; C. Becker's Blue Cap II. (J. Killorn), 2; B. Jonas' Matador, 7st (V. Fletcher), 3. Other starters: Pearlash, 8st 12lb; Glaudore, 8st; Sasin, 7st 8lb; Jessie Agnes, 7st 3lb; Phyllis, 7st 1lb; Conifer, 7st; Le Var, 7st 1lb, inc. 1lb over; Field Glass, 7st. Betting: 3 to 4 v Opinion, 6 to 1 each v Pearlash and Blue Cap II., 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 47½s.

MOONEE VALLEY RACES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Cold and showery weather prevailed at Moonee Valley to-day, and the meeting was not largely attended, but good sport resulted, two of the winners being rank outsiders. Details:—

Hurdle Race, 2m.—Mr. Anderson's Zircon, by Jacinth—Milkmaid, 11st 13lb (F. Burn), 1; Mr. Corcoran's Milroy, 10st 2lb (J. Withington), 2; Mr. Robertson's Skene (late Romeo), 9st 4lb, inc. 4lb over (J. Fanning), 3. Other starters: Earl of Carrick, 11st 2lb; Dainty, 9st 8lb; Wyburn, 9st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Earl of Carrick, 3 to 1 v Zircon, 4 to 1 each v Milroy and Dainty, 10 to 1 v others. Won by four lengths, half a length between second and third. Wyburn was fourth, and Earl of Carrick last. Time, 3m 58½s.

Maiden Plate, 5f.—Mr. Bourke's Impetor, by Impetus—Hunter Belle, 7st 2lb (D. McCowan), 1; Mr. Leeming's Mosman, 7st 5lb (P. Marrett), 2; Mr. Kennedy's Wayside, 8st 2lb (J. Murphy), 3. Other starters: Hummer, Little Shamrock, Trophy, Noved, Vera, Sadoko, Rosie, Boote, Parasang, Niphon, Duet, Admiral Rous, Oriaska. Betting: 5 to 2 v Oriaska, 7 to 2 v Mosman, 9 to 2 v Noved, 8 to 1 v Duet, 10 to 1 v Impetor, 15 to 1 v Admiral Rous. Won by three-quarters of a length, three lengths between second and third. Noved was fourth, and Hummer last. Ariaska was left at the post, and took no part in the race. Time, 1m 5s.

August Plate, 6f.—Mr. Leeming's Charmant, by The Admiral—The Parisienne, 7st 10lb (P. Marrett), 1; Mr. Long's First Preston, 7st 9lb, inc. 1lb over (Godby), 2; Mr. Allan's Casino Girl, 6st 11lb (A. Piper), 3. Other starters: Battledore, 8st 4lb; Bandmaster, 8st 4lb; The Golden West, 8st 5lb; Haphazard, 8st; Postique, 6st 11lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Charmant, 9 to 2 v Haphazard, 5 to 1 v The Golden West, 6 to 1 v Postique, 10 to 1 each v First Preston, Battledore, and Bandmaster. Won by six lengths, a length between second and third. Haphazard was fourth, and The Golden West last. Time, 1m 19s.

Steeplechase, 2m.—Mr. Bell's A.M.B., by Enfield—Leatrim, 9st 9lb (P. Cosgrove), 1; Messrs. Fell and Hogan's Beam, 9st 8lb (J. Fanning), 2. Other starters: Blue Mountain, 10st 7lb; Otago (late Chester), 9st 13lb. Betting: Even money on Blue Mountain, 3 to 1 each v A.M.B. and Beam. Won by two lengths. Otago ran off, and Blue Mountain lost his rider. Time, 4m 13s.

August Purse, 6f.—Mr. Fielder's Luke, by Ennistymon—Rawbee, 8st 8lb (C. Cooper), 1; Mrs. Moffat's Mat, 8st 1lb (S. Wilson), 2; Mr. Hayes' Portable, 7st 8lb (G. Barr), 3. Other starters: Vazimba, 9st; Red Bird, 8st 13lb; Precocious, 8st 9lb; Binder, 8st 6lb; Umutbee, 8st 5lb; Wilfred, 7st 5lb; Mosman, 7st 4lb; Maltese, 7st 8lb; Berwick, 6st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 4 v Luke, 5 to 1 v Mosman, 6 to 1 v Maltese, 8 to 1 v Portable, 10 to 1 v others. Won by five lengths, a length between second and third. Mosman was fourth, and Wilfred last. Time, 1m 18s.

Valley Handicap, 8½f.—Mr. Griffith's Blair, by Buckthorpe—Little Cis, 6st 9lb (J. Diamond), 1; Mr. Huxtable's Honey, 6st 7lb (W. Bennett), 2; Mr. O'Donoghue's Ball, 8st, inc. 5lb over (S. Wilson), 3. Other starters: Roller, 8st 8lb; Kamo, 8st 6lb; Gearpurt, 8st 3lb; Molluse, 8st 1lb; Difference, 7st 13lb; Bourdon, 6st 7lb; Scion, 6st 7lb; Revise, 6st 7lb. Betting: 7 to 4 v Kamo, 9 to 2 v Gearpurt, 6 to 1 v Molluse, 7 to 1 v Difference, 10 to 1 v Roller, 12 to 1 each v Ball and Bourdon, 15 to 1 each v Blair and Honey. Won by five lengths, four lengths between second and third. Kamo was fourth, and Scion last. Time, 1m 51s.

MAITLAND RACES.

MAITLAND, Wednesday.

A two days' race meeting opened to-day at Rutherford. The weather was fine, but cold, and a heavy wind prevailed. Large fields and good racing, combined to make the meeting the most successful held here for many years. Results:—

Welcome Handicap, of 40 sovs, 6f.—Messrs. H. E. and A. V. White's b g Submarine, by Lennox—Corvette, 4yrs, 7st 2lb, inc. 7lb over (Havard), 1; Mr. Newcome's ch m Wild Flower, 4yrs, 6st 12lb, inc. 8lb over (Woods), 2; Mr. J. Platt's b m Panara, aged, 7st (Johns), 3. Other starters: Pleasure, 10st 1lb; Bruce, 8st 4lb; Abe, 8st 4lb; Alteration, 8st 8lb; Boy Joe, 8st 8lb; Yule Cake, 7st 12lb; May, 7st 8lb; Sarsfield, 7st 8lb; Amitie, 7st 8½lb, inc. 3½lb over. Betting: 4 to 1 each v Submarine and May, 5 to 1 each v Wild Flower and Sarsfield, 6 to 1 v Bruce, 8 to 1 v Abe, 10 to 1 v others. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1m 19s.

Welter Handicap of 30 sovs, 6f.—Mrs. W. Noud's b h Sir Frantic, by St. Blaze—Frantic, 4yrs, 8st 10lb (Wood), 1; Mr. W. Richmond's b h Medals (Hickey), 2; Mr. J. O'Donnell's c h Demallion, 10st 3lb (owner), 3; Mr. P. McCarthy's b g Automatous, 6yrs, (McCarthy), *. Other starters: East, 8st 10lb; Dipsas, 8st 10lb; Inkstand, 8st 8lb; Zamagatha, 8st 8lb; Eppie, 8st 3lb; Exile, 8st; Tease, 8st; Miss Chester, 8st 8lb; Fairy Lock, 8st; Lellanina, 8st; The Pet, 8st. Betting: 5 to 2 v The Pet, 5 to 1 v Medals, 6 to 1 v Demallion, 7 to 1 v Sir Frantic, 8 to 1 v Dipsas, 10 to 1 Lellanind and others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 20s.

Cliftlands Handicap of 75 sovs, 1m.—Mr. W. Gilmore's b g Gillo, by Gozo—Tallegalla, 5 years, 6st 10lb (Gilmore), 1; Mr. Atkinson's blk g Cairngorm (Mitten), 2; Mr. W. Richmond's b g N. and R. (Rutley), 3. Other starters: Lady Laura, 8st 6lb; Sunderland, 8st 2lb; Bruce, 7st 13lb; Metal Lace, 7st 12lb; Abe, 7st 13lb; Atlantic, 7st 13lb; Yule Cake, 7st 7lb; Gemsbok, 7st 7lb; Waterworks, 7st 6lb; Phil May, 7st 6lb; Valnaut, 7st 8lb, inc. 2lb over; Automatic, 7st 1lb, inc. 2lb over; Proceed, 6st 12lb; Cameron, 6st 9lb, inc. 2lb over; Levuka, 7st 14lb, inc. 8½lb over. Betting: 5 to 2 v Proceed, 7 to 1 v Waterworks, 8 to 1 each v Gemsbok and Automatic, 10 to 1 v Gillo. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 45½s.

Trial Handicap of 20 sovs, 6f.—Mr. John Cush's blk g The Pet, by Nobleman—Test, 6 years, 8st 10lb (M'Carthy), 1; Mr. S. S. Martin's ch h Lochnagah, 4 years, 7st 13lb (Gilmore), 2; Messrs. Lewis and Saxon's b m Passion, 5 years, 8st 3lb (Quinn), 3. Other starters: Watercress, 9st 1lb; Thornville, 8st 10lb; Whakatika, 8st 10lb; Jig, 8st 10lb; Nomad, 8st 8lb; Lady Cardigan, 8st 2lb; Athens, 7st 13lb; Boy Jim, 7st 13lb; Simmer King, 7st 12lb; Mount Alma, 7st 12lb; Venous, 7st 12lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v The Pet, 7 to 2 v Passion, 6 to 1 v Lochnagah, 10 to 1 v others. Won by nearly two lengths. Time, 1m 19½s.

Shooters' Handicap of 30 sovs, 7f.—Mrs. W. Moore's Amitie, by Beauchamp—Handshake, aged, 7st 10lb (Chater), 1; Mr. W. J. Robinson's br m Lellamina, 4 years, 7st (Gilmore), 2. Other starters: Waterworks, 8st 8lb; Cairngorm, 8st 8lb; Automatic, 7st 8lb; Strabo, 7st 10lb; Abermain, 7st 10lb; Medals, 7st 7lb; Submarine, 7st 7lb; Tester Brown, 7st 8lb. Betting: 5 to 2 each v Cairngorm and Submarine, 5 to 1 v Medals, 10 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 33½s.

COURSING.

INVERELL COURSING CLUB.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

The second meeting of the Inverell Coursing Club took place to-day. Results:—

All-aged Stakes.—Obstacle beat Waterview, My Dream beat Mikado, Record beat Moeraki, Fearless IV. beat Keybuh, Linda and Down again ran byes.

First Ties.—Obstacle beat My Dream, Record beat Down Again, Fearless IV. beat Linda.

Second Ties.—Obstacle beat Recoil, Fearless IV. a bye.

Final.—Mr. Griffey's r and w d Obstacle, Donald Camac—Lady Clement, beat Mr. W. Donaghal's bk d Fearless IV.

Puppy Stakes.—Caremore beat Jack of Clubs, Wyandra beat Lady Devine, Eileen beat Kilada.

First Ties.—Caremore beat Wyandra, Kilada a bye.

Final.—Mr. G. H. Parker's Kilada, Kilmainham—Good News, beat Caremore.

Novice Stakes.—Countess Mary beat Sweet Flora, The Wasp beat Reedy Creek, Oxy beat Tonsorial, Rufus Dawes beat All But, Lady Rowan beat The Diamond, Balmain beat Rowan Jack, Leander beat Warrigal Lad, Banner beat Needlework.

First Ties.—Countess Mary beat The Wasp, Rufus Dawes beat Oxy, Lady Rowan beat Balmain, Leander beat Banner.

Second Ties.—Rufus Dawes beat Countess Mary, Leander beat Lady Rowan.

Final.—Mr. W. Preston's Rufus Dawes, Jack—Nettie, beat Mr. W. Purcell's Leander, Mustard—Negress.

Second Novice Stakes.—Ben beat The Chime, Chantress beat Pepper, Sparkling Lass beat Down Again, To Let beat Marshal Oyama.

First Ties.—Chantress beat Ben, Sparkling Lass beat To Let.

Final.—Chantress, Roland—Rhine, beat Sparkling Lass, Bolivia—Lass.

TAMWORTH COURSING CLUB.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

The coursing club held its final meeting for this season to-day. Results:—

Merchants' Stakes, for 16 all ages.—Revolver beat Marula, Kebla beat Orlando, Brilliant Star beat Truant Boy, Desmond beat Liniment.

First ties: Revolver beat Kebla, Brilliant Star beat Desmond.

Deciding course: Mr. Starr's (Armidale) bd d Revolver, Gaban—Mystery, beat Mr. C. J. Britten's, junr. (Tamworth), r d Brilliant Star.

Novice Stakes, for 16 all ages that have never won more than two courses in any stake.—Regina beat My Idea, Link of Gold beat Bitter Balm, Earl Cardigan beat Killias, Rue Not beat Captain Tom.

First ties: Link of Gold beat Regina, Earl Cardigan beat Rue Not.

Deciding course: Mr. J. Larkin's (Tamworth) r and w d Earl Cardigan, Harold—Quinella, beat Mr. H. E. Jerriey's (Tamworth) b and w d Link of Gold, Licorice—Lady Bladon.

Bitch Sapling Stakes.—Bessie Brown beat Britannia, Sparklet beat Rangopois.

Deciding course: Mr. C. J. Britten's, junr. (Tamworth) w and bd b Bessie Brown, Brilliant Star—Ringgidoe, beat Mr. H. W. Rawson's (Tamworth) * b Sparklet, Brilliant Star—Miss Hamlet.

Dog Sapling Stakes.—Milkboy beat Badge, Monsignor beat Ensign.

Deciding course: Mr. F. Austin's (Tamworth) r d Milkboy, Brilliant Star—Miss Hamlet, beat Mr. B. J. Coughlin's (Armidale) r d Monsignor, Orianna—Signora.

Second Bitch Sapling Stakes.—Brilliant Queen beat Miss M'Grath, Lady Rufus beat Lady M'Grath.

Deciding course: Mr. H. C. Denning's (Tamworth) f b Brilliant Queen, Brilliant Star—Miss Hamlet, beat Mr. G. Trim's (Tamworth) f b Lady Rufus-Rupee.

GOLF.

HUNTER'S HILL TEAM v STRATHFIELD.

The following will represent Hunter's Hill on Saturday:—"A" team, at Hunter's Hill: Christoe, MacKenzie, Blaxland, Windeyer, Metcalfe, Russell, Lysaght, Pearson. "B" team, at Strathfield: B. Ranken, Thorne, W. H. C. Ranken, Trangmar, Broad, Roberts, Buckland, Kilby. Emergencies: Phillips and Brereton.

TAMWORTH G.C.

The championship, 36 holes, bogey play, was concluded on Saturday, and was won by Mr. J. Legh. Results:—

J. Legh, 3 up, 4 up=7 up.
G. Sowerby, 2 down, 3 down=5 down.
J. B. Thompson, 9 down, 3 up=6 down.
Dr. Nankervis, 6 down, 8 down=14 down.

MOLONG v ORANGE.

MOLONG, Tuesday.

The Molong and Orange teams met on the Molong links on Saturday, when the latter were victorious by 30 holes to 8. The visitors were entertained at dinner at the Freemasons' Hotel.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

BOROUGH TEAM FOR MITTAGONG.

The following have been selected to represent Combined Boroughs, to play at Mittagong on Saturday:—Back, J. Foster (Alexandria); three-quarters, W. Hull (St. Peters), S. M'Mahon (North Sydney), W. Wells (Redfern), H. Jubb (Burwood); halves, G. Johnston (Balmain), B. Sadler (Waterloo); forwards, F. Ward (Leichhardt), W. Elliott (Ashfield), W. Symons (Alexandria), R. Wittman (Willoughby), G. Griffin (Glebe), B. Ellery (Manly), W. Reardon (E. Sydney), J. Ainsworth (Annandale). The team will leave by 9.30 a.m. train on Saturday.

PREPARATORY SCHOOLS' COMPETITION.

The position of schools playing in the Preparatory Schools' competition is as under:—Hayfield Preparatory School, 12 points; Sydney Preparatory School, 10; Newington College, 4; Scots' College, 2; Church of England Preparatory School, 0. The leading teams will play at Rushcutter Bay next Saturday morning. Should Sydney Preparatory School win, a final will be arranged for.

Combined Public Schools will meet Cleveland-street Old Boys' Union at the Agricultural Ground this afternoon.

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' COMPETITION—NO. 7 DISTRICT.

Following are the final scores of the above competing teams:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points.
Birchgrove	6	5	0	22
Darling-road	8	4	4	16
Balmain	7	3	4	12
Smith-street	7	0	7	0

BOWLS.

BURWOOD v PETERSHAM.

Burwood bowlers defeated a Petersham 16 at Petersham yesterday by 11 points, after a closely-contested game. Scores:—

	B.	P.
Saunders, Harris, Chalmers, W. H. Goddard	22	—
Kerr, Fox, Holland, Rogers	—	21
Crum, Layton, Roydhouse, Shute	20	—
Taylor, Gould, Bown, Schofield	—	16
Bartlett, Ahearn, Thorpe, Young	16	—
A. Rogers, Morris, Dennis, Searl	—	25
Lloyd, B. Watson, Simpson, Loveridge	25	—
Alcock, Turner, Cooper, Howell	—	10
Totals	83	72

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

WARRNAMBOOL-MELBOURNE ROAD RACE.

AUSTRALIA'S CLASSIC EVENT.

A RECORD ENTRY.

There is no race held in Australia that is so popular with cyclists or so attractive in the eyes of the public as the great annual event between Warrnambool and Melbourne. What the Gordon-Bennett race is to the motor world, so the coming contest is to all lovers of cycle racing. For not only out here, but at home, the big race is placed on a par with all those gigantic French events which each year create such a furore in Europe. The magnitude of this year's entry for the Warrnambool-Melbourne contest may be understood when it is stated that never before in the antipodes have so many cyclists signified their intention of competing in a race. In glancing over the names of the 330 entries it will be noticed that few, if any, of the crack riders of Australasia have failed to send in their nominations. In addition to the riders who have already agreed to start, it is expected that at least 50 or 60 more names will be added to the present numbers when the results of the interstate and New Zealand test races are made known.

In reviewing the long list, it is noticed that the vast majority of those starting are Victorians. This of course, is to be expected, seeing that the contest takes place in that State.

The following are the names of the riders, with the places to which they belong:—A. Anderson (Port Fairy), L. Anderson (Coburg), J. B. Absolom (Burnley), J. J. Bryant (Carlton), E. L. Brown (Kyabram), E. Birch (South Preston), S. Bortomley (Creswick), H. Betus (South Northcote), G. Brown (St. Kilda), J. A. Byrne (Fitzroy), J. Broomhall (Melbourne), H. Beeson (Brunswick), C. Baulderstone (Goodwood, South Australia), J. Brown (West Melbourne), J. R. Brettargh (North Fitzroy), C. H. Brooks (South Melbourne), W. Battye (Ararat), W. J. Bannon (Sommerville), J. F. Bertie (Golden Square), G. R. Blazeley (Tasmania), L. Charlton (Wodonga), G. Charlton (Wodonga), R. Cox (Glenrowan), J. Crimeen (Sutton Grange), E. Clarke (Port Melbourne), A. Craw (Northcote), G. W. Cooper (South Yarra), C. R. Constable (Essendon), M. Chappell (Brighton), L. Corbett (Fitzroy), W. Cowley (Cowley's Creek), R. G. J. Cayless (Clifton Hill), J. W. Collins (Winchelsea), E. J. Conna (New South Wales), E. H. Doyle (Richmond), L. Denereas (Gherinhap), H. Daniel (Port Melbourne), E. T. Cook (New South Wales), J. W. Collins (Winchelsea), Darge (St. Kilda), R. Dotzauer (Colac), C. C. Dwyer (St. Kilda), T. Doyle (Redesdale), T. Duggan (West Melbourne), L. Day (Kyabram), W. H. Darcy (Mooroopna), E. P. Doyle (Maryborough), G. H. Edwin (Ascot Vale), W. F. Frost (Cosgrove), D. G. Fraser (Rochester), W. O. Farquharson (Winchelsea), W. D. Fahey (Fitzroy), H. Forbes (Bendigo), J. M. Ferguson (Maryborough), J. B. Fryer (Somerton), W. Flack (Cheltenham), E. P. Ferrie (Carlton), J. H. Fredericks (Perth), R. Finlay (East Brunswick), A. S. Fregon (Tongio), F. Fregon (Tongio), D. E. Fregon (Tongio), W. Garratt (Prahran), C. Greenway (Mansfield), J. F. Glynn (Rupanyup), W. C. E. Guerin (Hawthorn), T. Gaynor (Middle Park), C. Gee (Moonee Ponds), W. H. Hawley (Tallangatta), D. Hall (Geelong), G. H. Honeybone (North Carlton), G. H. Hine (Rowsley), J. Hirth (Hamilton), R. Hayes (Longford), J. H. Hill (Yarra Glen), H. Hall (Windsor), A. J. M. Hocking (Windsor), J. R. Hyder (St. Arnaud), G. Hyder (St. Arnaud), H. J. Hellyar (Camperdown), R. E. Hardy (Brunswick), W. E. Hawley (Brighton), C. W. Holland (Adelaide), W. G. Hendy (Clifton Hill), H. Hassett (Camperdown), E. Hardman (Tasmania), A. Hardman (Tasmania), V. Hawker (Bendigo), R. E. Houlihan (Fitzroy), H. G. Johnson (Oakleigh), N. R. Jones (North Melbourne), P. Johnson (Murtoa), C. H. Kirkwood (Romsey), W. A. Kirkwood (Romsey), S. T. Keon (Preston), W. Kirlighton (Sale), H. H. Lock (Moonee Ponds), J. C. Lloyd (Camperdown), A. F. Lloyd (Camperdown), G. G. Laycock (Brunswick), T. Lamb (Somerton), O. Lowman (St. Kilda), H. Lindgren (Melbourne), L. Littlechild (Tasmania), E. J. Lear (Goyura), H. J. Matheson (Trentham), D. D. Matheson (Trentham), G. C. Mercer (Warracknabeal), H. Moffitt (Melbourne), J. R. Munroe (Richmond), C. J. Mooney (Maryborough), C. F. Munroe (Richmond), J. Mann (Lexton), W. Monahan (Epping), A. D. Morgan (Purnim), J. B. Mills (Prahran), D. Murie (Walhalla), S. Millard (Fitzroy), H. Myers (Fitzroy), W. A. Morris (Newport), E. J. Matson (Malvern), T. Moon (Castlemaine), J. Miller (South Yarra), F. L. Millard (South Yarra), R. W. Morgan (North Fitzroy), T. H. Mills (Caulfield), J. G. Martin (Bendigo), N. A. T. M'Lean (Dingee), J. M'Donald (Oakleigh), J. M'Kinnon (Hepburn), W. H. M'Leod (Ballarat), A. M'Donald (Hawthorn), H. M'Rae (Richmond), D. M'Carthy (Mt. Gambier), R. M'Leod (Collingwood), W. H. M'Gee (Geelong), J. M'Donald (Rutherglen), W. J. M'Leod (Tragowel), H. T. M'Coy (Omeo), S. Norton (Tasmania), A. E. Nice (Kaneira), W. A. Naylor (Lexton), J. Nixon (Burnley), H. R. Newell (Ascot Vale), A. Nicholls (Shepherd's Flat), M. J. O'Connor (Narrawong), H. Okey (Albert Park), W. H. Oakes (Jeparit), J. O'Meara (Kensington), F. Olson (East Melbourne), J. B. O'Sullivan (Ararat), C. V. Oliver (Bacchus Marsh), W. H. Picking (Coburg), A. H. Pidcock (Mooroopna), W. J. Parker (Colac), L. Parker (Colac), W. Perry (North Fitzroy), C. Presser (Newlyn), J. H. Praetz (Ballarat), T. Pengelly (Sebastopol), W. T. Philpot (Elsternwick), S. Parkes (Adelaide), W. Palmer (Carlton), R. E. H. Rowe (Ballarat East), J. J. Russell (Port Fairy), C. Rayson (Elsternwick), D. D. Riley (Hamilton), H. F. Reid (Richmond), C. Reynolds (East Prahran), C. A. Richards (Adelaide), W. E. Richards (West Mitcham, S.A.), T. Ryan (Werribee), H. O. Rivers (Rutherglen), S. F. Sposito (Melbourne), F. Stevens (Brunswick), W. R. Shortt (Mildura), J. Slevin (North Geelong), H. W. Sargent (Werribee), J. P. Skehan (Romsey), J. H. Schmidt (Maryborough), S. G. Sewell (Ascot Vale), T. H. Scarborough (Tasmania), E. Skehan (Romsey), Fred. C. Taylor (Carlton), Charles F. Taylor (Carlton), A. Timms (North Carlton), V. F. Treadwell (Mansfield), W. H. Thomas (Daylesford), T. Treadwell (Mansfield), B. Topsey (Melbourne), L. Tate (South Melbourne), W. H. Triplett (North Fitzroy), E. J. Turner (Cheltenham), A. F. Tonnies (Tasmania), H. T. Thomson (Tasmania), A. H. Vincent (Caulfield), H. W. Viney (Tasmania), G. M. Wild (East Brunswick), H. Wallis (Camberwell), S. L. Whitson (Mortlake), J. Wright (St. Kilda), A. T. Wiffen (Prahran), J. J. Williams (Glenrowan), E. A. Webber (Abbotsford), H. Woolford (Elsternwick), R. Welsh (North Geelong), A. Wrench (Korumburra), W. Walker (Northcote), W. Wilson (Rosstown), W. Winter (Sunbury), A. G. Wilson (Surry Hills), A. J. Whiteley (Carlton), A. Watson (Brisbane), H. Williams (Tasmania).

MOTOR RELIABILITY TEST.

As the time draws near when the great motor car contest from Victoria to Sydney takes place there is on all sides an eagerness on the part of enthusiasts to learn the latest news as to the probable starters and the names and horse-power of the competing vehicles. Already quite a number of the Victorian starters have traversed more than half the course, with the view of getting themselves and their cars into proper order before the contest takes place. Several of the New South Wales motorists, on their part, have been exploring this State's portion of the route. On all sides there is a lot of talk about new cars coming out specially for the trial. At least eight vehicles of new power, and particularly suited for the task, are coming to Sydney. Amongst these will be one or two of the famous Richard Brasier vehicles, which, in addition to winning two Gordon-Bennett Cups, have behaved with such conspicuous brilliancy out here both in speed and hill-climbing trials. Of other local motorists taking part in the run Messrs Arnott will again compete on their Innes speed vehicles. Altogether, it is estimated that close on 20 cars of the various classes will travel from New South Wales alone. From the Victorian capital there are rumours of almost double that number competing, so that a great reliability contest is certain to ensue.

In the motor cycle section of this event several twin-cylinder motor cycles will be competing, and it will be interesting to watch the behaviour of these engines over the mountainous country of New South Wales. Victorian motor cyclists will be well represented in the contest, and unless the New South Wales motor cyclists make a better display than they did last February they will have little chance of carrying off the motor cycling road blue riband of Australia, which went to Victoria last February, through the agency of Mr. B. James, who covered the 572 miles between the two capitals in 27 hours 54½ minutes.

CYCLISTS' UNION RACING.

The following handicaps have been declared in connection with the pacemakers' 10 miles road race, which takes place next Saturday on the Homebush course:—H. W. Thompson, W. S. Power, H. K. Maxwell, scr.; A. Green, R. L. Blake, 6s; T. Roderick, P. Mutton, R. L. Nicholson, F. R. Ray, 10s; A. V. Turner, H. A. Gannon, E. E. Carter, 15s; A. E. Stewart, P. M'Cue, 20s; L. Newland, P. J. Goatley, 25s; E. Gillies, 30s; J. Breer, 35s; H. F. Goatley, 40s; A. R. Wright, P. W. Avey, E. Knapton, 1m; H. Watson, 1m 10s; R. Simmons, 1m 15s; R. A. Brown, J. Cox, W. S. Sheaves, 1m 20s; J. A. Kennedy, 1m 25s; E. Mellor, 1m 30s; R. Shepherd, 1m 35s; C. W. Pope, 1m 40s; R. J. Coleman, 1m 50s; W. S. Knox, 1m 55s; J. Calloway, W. J. Boemaner, 2m; J. Glasson, W. G. Matthews, 2m 5s; W. H. Richards, 2m 10s; R. Gray, 2m 15s; G. Moore, 2m 20s; A. H. Mumford, 2m 25s; R. Goddard, 2m 30s; P. R. Stephens, 2m 50s; F. Henry, 2m 55s.

FIFTY-MILE SPEEDWELL ROAD RACE.

The run over the above course for Wednesday afternoon riders arranged for yesterday afternoon had to be postponed until next Wednesday, on account of the heavy westerly gale which was blowing. Notwithstanding the boisterous weather, a good number of enthusiasts put in an appearance at the starting point, mostly attired in semi-racing costume.

GLEBE-TOXTETH B.C.

The Glebe-Toxteth B.C. has arranged a tour for this week-end, which will enable club members to go over the 50-mile Speedwell course. A start will be made for Windsor on Saturday afternoon, where the party will put up for the night, and next morning will proceed to Kingswood and on to Parramatta for dinner, thence home via Dog Trap-road and Bankstown. Mr. Ralph Walker (one of the oldest members of the club) and his wife arrived home on Tuesday by the steamer Empire, after a four months' tour through China and Japan.

CRICKET.

AUSTRALIANS v FIFTEEN OF SCOTLAND.

The following are the particulars of the match at Glasgow, only meagre details of which were cabled:—

AUSTRALIANS.

First innings		Second innings	
V. T. Trumper, h.w., b Nixon	20	c Nixon, b Smith	14
R. A. Duff, b Nixon	1	c Anderson, b Bowie	21
A. Cotter, l.b.w., b Nixon	0	b Nixon	3
D. R. Gehrs, run out	47	c Jupp, b Smith	16
J. J. Kelly, b Nixon	2	not out	2
F. Laver, b Nixon	12	b M'Laurin	28
C. M'Leod, b Nixon	1	b Cairns	21
C. E. Hill, b M'Laurin	56	c Thompson, b Cairns	79
J. Darling, not out	29	c Graham, b Cairns	43
P. M. Newland, c Bowie, b Anderson	18	not out	8
W. P. Howell, c Thomson, b Anderson	2		
Sundries	8	Sundries	12
Total	186	Total (8 wkts)	*247

*Innings declared closed.

Bowling.—First innings: Nixon, 20 overs, 2 maidens, 81 runs, 6 wickets; Smith, 11 overs, 1 maiden, 29 runs, 0 wickets; Lyle, 4 overs, 0 maidens, 20 runs, 0 wickets; M'Laurin, 10 overs, 1 maiden, 34 runs, 1 wicket; Anderson, 5.1 overs, 0 maidens, 14 runs, 2 wickets. Lyle bowled a no-ball.

Second innings: Nixon, 8 overs, 1 maiden, 16 runs, 1 wicket; Smith, 12 overs, 0 maidens, 65 runs, 2 wickets; Jupp, 3 overs, 1 maiden, 36 runs, 0 wickets; Bowie, 3 overs, 1 maiden, 12 runs, 1 wicket; Cairns, 12 overs, 0 maidens, 56 runs, 3 wickets; M'Laurin, 8 overs, 2 maidens, 31 runs, 1 wicket; Scharenguival, 2 overs, 0 maidens, 5 runs, 0 wickets; Lyle, 2 overs, 0 maidens, 14 runs, 0 wickets. M'Laurin bowled a wide.

FIFTEEN OF SCOTLAND.

First innings		Second innings	
Hirst, l b w, b Cotter	0	st Newland, b M'Leod	2
T. A. Bowie, run out	9	c Darling, b M'Leod	25
A. M. Lyle, b Cotter	6	c Newland, b M'Leod	25
G. W. Jupp, c Gehrs, b M'Leod	30	c Cotter, b Hill	74
J. A. Scharenguival, b Howell	15	c Hill, b Howell	5
D. M'Laurin, b M'Leod	1	b M'Leod	14
J. B. Waters, b Cotter	16	c Laver, b M'Leod	9
W. J. Thompson, b M'Leod	6	c and b Howell	17
A. S. Cairns, c Trumper, b M'Leod	10	b Howell	22
A. L. Graham, c Duff, b M'Leod	8	not out	12
D. A. Burnfield, b Howell	5	l b w, b Hill	0
F. E. Smith, c Gehrs, b Howell	4		
J. T. Anderson, c Newland, b M'Leod	0		
J. H. Miller, not out	14	c Hill, b Howell	3
Nixon, b Howell	4		
Sundries	22	Sundries	10
Total	150	Total (11 wkts)	218

Bowling.—First innings: Cotter, 12 overs, 4 maidens, 16 runs, 3 wickets; M'Leod, 22 overs, 8 maidens, 84 runs, 6 wickets; Howell, 23.3 overs, 11 maidens, 27 runs, 4 wickets. Cotter bowled a no-ball.

Second Innings.—Howell, 36 overs, 9 maidens, 114 runs, 4 wickets; M'Leod, 26 overs, 0 maidens, 87 runs, 5 wickets; Kelly, 2 overs, 0 maidens, 7 runs, 0 wickets; Hill, 1.4 overs, 1 maiden, 0 runs, 2 wickets. Kelly bowled 2 no-balls.

WEE WAA, Wednesday.

George Thomson won the presentation bat for the best average of the cricket last season, and Will. Schwager won the ball for the bowling average.

SAILING.

THE SEASON'S FIXTURES.

At the Sydney Flying Squadron's last meeting the Balmain Sailing Club's request to be met in conference regarding the arrangement of fixture dates for the season was refused. On Tuesday evening delegates from the Sydney Flying Squadron and Sydney Sailing Club met, and agreed upon the following programme:—

Sydney Flying Squadron.—October 7 and 28, November 11 and 25, December 16, January 13 (18ft championship), February 3 and 24, March 10 and 24.

Sydney Club.—October 14, November 4 and 18, December 9 (18ft championship), January 6 and 20, February 17, March 3, 17, and 31.

February 10 was chosen for the 18ft championship, under the auspices of both clubs.

Sydney Dingy Club.—September 30, October 21, December 2, January 27, and April 7. These, of course, are the Dingy Club's "steamer dates" only.

BALMAIN REGATTA.

At the weekly meeting of the Balmain regatta committee the election of the sailing committee resulted as follows:—Messrs. L. S. Cronin, W. Mitchell, L. Holmes, S. Cowie, A. W. Sommerville, and S. R. Cronin, who were appointed to arrange the sailing races.

SWIMMING.

SURF BATHING AT BONDI.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In reply to Messrs. Turner and Grey, I would like to know who is going to supply the surplus over and above. He says his league will raise £50, the council will supplement it with £50, or £ for £ from the Government. He says nothing of expenses to be incurred hereafter. Now, at the very least, it will require two attendants for the women, and two for the men. At the very least £250 per annum, to come out of the Waverley innocent ratepayers—for what? Poor private enterprise. The bath lessee has to pay up his rent, while his landlord takes his bread out of his mouth, and hands it over to the foreigner. It is a national right of the people, and therefore the Government, and not the overtaxed ratepayers of Waverley, who should carry this out, if it is necessary to the welfare of the people, which I doubt.—I am, etc.,

J. F. BROWNE.

ATHLETICS.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS.

The following handicaps have been declared in connection with races to be run at the Public School sports at the Royal Agricultural Ground on Wednesday next:—

Half-mile, open (N.S.W.A.A.A.): A. J. Wilkins, scr; D. F. Henderson, 5yds; F. W. Collins, 20yds; B. R. French, 25yds; A. R. Harding, S. Sheedy, 30yds; D. J. Sullivan, H. Mullarky, F. T. Allen, F. Tooth, 40yds; J. Macnamara, 45yds; H. G. Abbott, L. Pomeroy, F. L. Ash, A. Williams, 55yds; R. Alanson, J. Kay, W. H. Wiseman, 60yds.

Members' Handicap, 100yds.—R. Nixon, 2yds; R. Patrick, 3yds; E. Duncan, 4yds; L. Haydon, 5yds; W. Gordon, H. Mullarky, J. Coughlan, A. Brogden, 6yds; G. Morgan, 8yds.

Members' Handicap, 440yds.—F. T. Allen, 10yds; H. Mullarky, W. Gordon, F. Gallagher, R. Fetherson, A. Brogden, 15yds; G. Noble, 17yds; G. Morgan, 20yds.

All Schools and Colleges, 150yds.—F. Widmer, scr; E. Dermody, 5yds; R. Alanson, A. Anderson, 6yds; J. Herlihy, A. Goodal, 7yds; H. Brown, 8yds; E. Chamberlain, 12yds.

BILLIARDS.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The following heats were played at the above club last evening:—W. Hannigan (rec. 40) beat F. Budd (rec. 125) by 17; J. Burton (rec. 95) beat *Minerva (rec. 75) by 44. The heats for to-night are:—J. Brennan (rec. 20) v G. Cramp (rec. 95); J. Roles (rec. 75) v *Mac (rec. 120). The second round will start on Friday night.

* Assumed names.

SMITH v JAMES.

The game of 2500 up for £25 a side between Joseph Smith and E. James at Hatte's Arcade was continued last night. At the start, the scores were:—Smith, 1002; James, 956. Last night James was in fine form. He put in runs of 60, 40, 111, 90, 40, and 39 unfinished, to Smith's 60, 40, 45, and 50. When play closed for the evening the scores were:—James, 1502; Smith, 1312. The match will be continued to-night.

N.S.W. SPORTS CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Last night E. G. Weyland (rec. 70) beat E. Cohen (rec. 150) by 50; R. H. Salenger (rec. 150) beat H. Ellis (rec. 120) by 77. The games for to-night are:—A. H. Phillips (rec. 150) v J. K. Black (rec. 100); *Mal (owes 170) v A. Cook (rec. 135).

BOXING.

This afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the following spars will take place at the National Sporting Club hall:—Ladbury v Isburg, Hill v Dwyer, Otto Cripps v Morency.

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

MOTOR CAR LEGISLATION.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Construction Bill again engaged the attention of the Legislative Assembly to-day, when on the motion for the third reading Mr. Bent placed before the House further official opinions he had obtained on the subject from the engineer for the line and chairman of the Railway Commissioners. The bill passed through all its stages and was sent to the Legislative Council. The second reading of the Victorian Railways Motor Bill was moved by Mr. Bent, who explained that it would be necessary to obtain licenses for running the cars. It was not, he said, intended to carry goods, and an amendment would be moved to make that clear. The motors would not be run in competition with the tramways, but only as feeders to railways where there was no other communication. The bill having been read the second time was considered in committee. Mr. Bent brought forward his first amendment, which provided that the public highways on which the cars should be used should lead to or from a railway station. This and other amendments were agreed to, and the bill was taken through committee. The second reading debate on the Motor Cars Bill was then proceeded with. The bill met with some hostile criticism, but the second reading was agreed to. In committee Sir Samuel Gillott yielded to requests for a reduction of the registration fee to 5s for motor cars and 1s for motor cycles, and a proportionate reduction as regards cars in the stock of a manufacturer or dealer. The fee for a license to drive in any one of the municipal districts was brought down from 5s to 1s. Progress was reported. Mr. Watt submitted a motion for the abolition of the Cabinet system of government, in favour of elective Ministries, each member being responsible to Parliament, with a definite tenure of office. Very little interest was taken in the discussion, and the debate was adjourned. A scant attendance of members next heard Mr. Gaunson move to the effect that the House declare that compensation should be paid to all "retired" railway employees, in accordance with the Railway Commissioners Act, 1883. Soon there was not a quorum present. Mr. McGregor obtained the adjournment of the debate at half-past 10 o'clock, and the House adjourned till the next afternoon.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's sitting of the Legislative Council lapsed, owing to the want of a quorum, and adjourned till Tuesday.

In the Legislative Assembly the Shearers and Sugar Workers' Accommodation Bill passed the third reading. The Marsupial Boards Bill was considered in committee.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

In the Assembly to-day, Mr. Tucker introduced a bill to prevent the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. Mr. Solomon moved that rates on the Northern Territory railway should be reduced. The debate was adjourned. The Premier made a statement concerning the Government policy in regard to departmental tenders. They did not approve of loading tenders so as to handicap the departments. The House rose at 6.24 p.m. till the next day.

PELAW MAIN COLLIERY.

RESUMPTION OF WORK.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

Work was resumed this morning at the Pelaw Main colliery, but there was not room for all the old workmen. These will be engaged as necessity arises. Some trouble arose in connection with the use of boring machines, but the men have decided to use the company's machines and pay 1d per ton for their use, on condition that the whole matter be referred to a joint conference. Numbers of miners have arrived at Kurri Kurri to seek work at Pelaw Main, but have met with disappointment, as no one will be engaged until all the old workmen have been provided with places.

MISHAP TO A FRENCH BARQUE.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The French barque Marechal de Gontaut was awarded pratique by the health officer early on Wednesday morning, and Captain Le Croix came ashore to transact necessary business. He stated that in a gale on August 8 the main cap ring of steel which binds the lower mainmast to the topmast cracked, and the Semaphore being the most convenient port of call he put in there for repairs. He had the maintopmast lashed with rope and chain to the mainmast, but the topmast would not bear any pressure of canvas. He expected that the vessel would remain at anchorage for three weeks while repairs were being effected. The barque was bound to Hobart for orders. Her agent here is M. G. Anderson.

CASUALTIES.

CHILD SERIOUSLY BURNED.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

At Heddon Greta to-day Emma Butterworth, aged 6 years, sustained dreadful injuries by burning. Her clothes were ignited by a piece of burning wood, which fell from the fire, and before assistance reached her all her clothes had been burned, and parts of her body. She was seriously injured.

WOMAN CUT TO PIECES.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Wednesday.

A dreadful accident, in which a woman was cut to pieces, occurred at the Boulder station last evening. It appears that a woman, whose name is supposed to have been Hardt, purchased a ticket with the intention of going to Kalgoorlie, and was not seen again until the driver of the Kamballie train reported that he had experienced a bump on the line. When a search was made, it revealed a mangled body with the head severed. The body was doubled up between the rails.

Later.

The body of the woman who was run over and killed last night by a train at the Boulder station was identified this morning as that of Marie Ellen Hard, known as Madam Hard, palmist. The deceased was a native of Creswick, Victoria.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Sydney E. Jinks, a shunter, in the employ of the Silverton Tramway Company, had one arm so badly crushed yesterday that the limb had to be amputated just above the wrist this morning.

THE TOOWOOMBA TRAGEDY.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

At the Toowoomba Police Court this morning Herbert Russell Stephens was charged with the wilful murder of Ralph Stephens at Middle Ridge, Toowoomba, on August 29. After evidence of arrest had been given, the defendant was remanded till Friday.

LATE MINING.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: Broken Hill Block 10, 69s, 69s 6d, 68s 6d, 69s, b 68s 6d, s 69s; Block 14, 22s, 22s 6d, b 22s 3d, s 22s 9d; ditto (pref., 1903, A), b 22s; ditto (pref., 1904, B), b 22s 3d, s 22s 6d; British Broken Hill, b 21s; Broken Hill Proprietary, 51s, 51s 6d, 51s, b 50s 6d, s 51s; Junction, 5s 10d, 6s 2d, b 5s, s 5s 4d; Junction North, 9s 3d, 9s 5d, b 9s 4d, s 9s 5d; Broken Hill South, 59s, b 57s 6d; ditto, paid, 68s 6d, 69s, 68s 6d, b 68s 6d, s 69s; Coppabella, £7 15s, £7 10s, b £7 7s 6d, s £7 10s; Coppabella North, s 12s 6d; Coppabella No. 2, £5 10s, £6; South Blocks, 3s 10d, b 3s 9d, s 4s; ditto, paid, 11s, 11s 9d, b 11s 3d, s 12s; New White Leads, b 1s 2½d, s 1s 3d; North Broken Hill, 44s, 44s 6d, 44s 4½d, b 44s 3d, s 44s 6d.

Copper and gold: Colonel North, 5d, 6d, b 4d; Mount Lyell, 23s, b 22s 9d, s 23s; Lyell Blocks, 2s 8d, 2s 9d, 2s 8d, b 2s 8d, s 2s 9d; Murchison River, 2s, b 1s 9d; ditto, paid, 2s 6d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 6d; Mungana, 1s 6d, b 1s 6d.

Tin: Mount Bischoff, s £48 15s; Briseis, 16s 9d, 17s, b 16s 9d, s 16s 10½d; ditto Extended, £24 2s 6d, £23 12s 6d, b £23 12s 6d, s £23 15s; New Brothers' Home No. 1, 26s, 26s 3d, 26s 6d, b 26s 3d, s 26s 9d; Cope's Creek Central, paid, b 9s 6d; ditto (pref.), 13s 9d, b 13s 6d; Fancy Creek, paid, b £4, s £5; Gladstone, £36, b £35 15s, s £36; Mount Stronach, s 30s; New Ruby Flat, 13s, b 13s, s 15s; Pioneer Extended, 1s 11d, b 1s 6d; ditto, paid, 2s 6d, b 2s 4d, s 2s 5d; Ringarooma, s £2; St. Helen's, 55s, 53s, b 53s, s 55s; South Mount Cameron, b 8s 3d, s 9s; ditto, paid, b 8s 3d, s 9s; Weldbrook, b £1 ..s, s £2; Wyniford, 1s 3d, 1s, b 10d, s 1s 2d.

Victorian mines: Ajax, 2s 3d; All Nations, 8d, b 7½d, s 8d; Berry Extended, s 9s 7d; Birthday New Find, b 6d; ditto, paid, b 6d; ditto Tunnel, b 21s 6d, s 21s 9d; Cassilis, 25s 6d, b 25s, s 26s; Catherine Reef, 42s, b 42s, s 43s 6d; Champion, 5s 6d, 5s 7d, b 5s 6d, s 5s 8d; ditto, paid, 6s, b 5s 6d; Chiltern Valley, b 27s, s 40s; Duke and Main Leads, 3s, b 2s 9d, s 3s 3d; Duke of Wellington, 2s 6d, b 2s, s 2s 8d; Fulton's Creek, 4s 6d; Frederick the Great, 3s; Great Southern, b 22s 9d, s 24s; ditto Consols, 8s 3d; ditto No. 1, 9d, b 9d, s 11d; Hustler's Reef, s 10s 6d; Junction Dredging, b 30s, s 34s 6d; ditto, paid, b 30s; Kangaroo, 6s 3d, b 6s 1d, s 6s 3d; King Cassilis, 1s 1d, b 1s, s 1s 1d; Lady Nelson, 6s 9d, 6s 11d, b 6s 10d; Long Tunnel, £5 10s, b £5 10s; ditto Extended, b £7 16s, s £8 2s; Maxwells, 4s 6d, b 4s 3d; Main Leads North, 9s, 9s 3d, b 9s, s 9s 9d; Mount Tarrangower, 2s 11d, 3s 1d, 2s 8½d, s 2s 10d; New Argus, 39s 6d, b 39s 3d, s 39s 6d; New Hopeful, 11s 3d, b 11s, s 11s 6d; New Loch Fyne, b 22s; New Moon, £7 18s, b £7 17s, s £8; New Moon Consolidated, s 18s; New Stirling, 1s 9d, b 1s 8d, s 1s 10d; North New Moon, s 50s; North of England, 6s 3d, b 6s, s 6s 2d; Prentice and Southern, 7s, b 6s 9d, s 7s 3d; Sailor Bill Extended, 9½d, b 9½d, s 10d; South Birthday, b 5s, s 6s; South German, b 10s, s 11s; South New Moon, b £7 18s, s £8; Specimen Hill, s 33s; Star of the East, b 2s 9d, s 3s; Star of the West, b 15s, s 17s 3d; ditto Extended, 4s 11d, 5s, b 5s 1d, s 5s 6d; United Ulster, b 28s, s 24s 9d; Victory Foster, b 11s 6d, s 13s; West Berry Consols, b 9s, s 10s; Williams United, 11s 3d, b 10s 10½d, s 11s 3d.

Western Australian mines: Associated, 60s; Black Range, b £6; Golden Pole, b 20s; Great Boulder, 24s 6d, b 24s 3d, s 24s 6d; Tindals, b 1s, s 1s 7d.

WOLFRAM FOR MARSEILLES.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A telegram has been received from a firm at Marseilles asking what is the largest quantity of wolfram and the lowest price at which it can be supplied from Queensland. Direct shipments during the October-December period are required. Mr. Woods, M.L.A., sent the substance of the telegram to Wolfram Camp, Herberton district, asking for a quotation.

PUBLIC MORALS ASSOCIATION.

The council of the Public Morals Association met at the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Monday, the Rev. J. Buchan, M.A., presiding. It was resolved to request the Government to arrange to give time in the Assembly for the consideration of the Girls' Protection Bill, as there was so little time on private members' night to deal with legislation. The secretary stated that letters had been sent to a large number of members of Parliament, urging them to support the measure. It was decided to request the president to introduce necessary legislation dealing with disorderly houses, and providing that owners and agents be made responsible after notice. Further consideration was given to the question of the exhibition of obscene literature, photographs, etc., and it was decided that action should be taken to suppress the evil.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—On the premises, 58 King-street, at 11, Stock-in-Trade of Hairdressing and Tobacconist Business, Tobacco, Cigars, etc.
S. DAVIS and CO.—At 58 Windsor-street, Paddington, at 11, Furniture, Piano, Glass, China, etc.
H. and A. LAWSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Organs, etc.
MEDCALF and CO.—At the Imperial Arcade, Pitt-street, at 11, Furniture, and Furnishings of a Coffee and Luncheon Rooms, Cigars, Showcases, Office Furniture, etc.
R. G. WATKINS and CO.—At the Mill, Balmain, at 11, Machinery of the Balmain Sawmill, etc.
V. H. KELSON.—At the Salerooms, at 2.30, Furniture, Ice Chests, Stoves, etc.
H. HAINS.—At the rooms, at 2, Furniture, Bicycles, Clocks, Sewing Machines, etc.
H. LEVY.—At 135 Regent-street, at 2, Clothing, Furniture, Crockery, etc.
H. Y. NORTON.—At 306 Upper Brougham-street, Darlinghurst, at 2, Furniture, China, Glass, Linoleums, Magic Lantern.
R. SUTHERLAND and CO.—At the Rooms, at 3, Furniture, Toiletware, Crockery, Glassware, etc.
MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2.30, Furniture, Carpets, Crockery, etc.
E. C. NEWBOULD.—At 218A Pitt-street, at 11, Furniture, Pianos, Bookcase, etc.
V. H. KELSON.—At the Salerooms, at 2.30, Furniture, Carpets, Linoleum, Pianos, Cutlery, etc.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.; at 3, Jewellery, etc.
MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At 459 King-street, Newtown, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, etc.
NORRISS and BLACKET.—At Newtown Bridge Salerooms, at 2.30, Clothing, Furniture, etc.
E. H. BRODRIBB.—At 280 Elizabeth-street, at 11, Piano, Furniture, Cutlery, Crockery, etc.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11, and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10, Hair, Horns, etc.; at 2.30, Tallow.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10, Hair, Horns, Bones; at 2.30, Tallow.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Cows, Calves.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. BARNETT.—At Morehead and Arthur streets, Redfern, at 11, Building Materials.

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FUNERALS.

YOUNG.—The Funeral of the late Mr. T. M. YOUNG will move from the Redfern Railway Station THIS DAY, on arrival of the Northern Train at 10.30, and proceed to the Waverley Cemetery.
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HOLLOWAY.—The Friends of the late Mr. THOMAS HOLLOWAY (late of Newtown) are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his son's residence, Kyle-street, Arncliffe, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1, for the Necropolis, via Newtown Station.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, etc., Sydney and Suburbs, and Parramatta. Tel., 726, etc.

HOLLOWAY.—The Friends of Messrs. A. J. and W. E. HOLLOWAY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Thomas; to move from his late residence, Kyle-street, Arncliffe, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1, for the Necropolis, via Newtown Station.

SORRELL.—The Friends of Mrs. MARGARET JANE SORRELL and CHILDREN, EDITH, JANET, THOMAS, MARTHA, GLADYS, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved HUSBAND and FATHER, William Thomas Sorrell; to leave Glen Ayr, 43 Salisbury-street, Stanmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Newtown Station. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker.

SORRELL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. M'GRATH, of Rosiella, Grose-street, Parramatta, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER; to leave his late residence, Glen Ayr, 43 Salisbury-street, Stanmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Newtown Station.
F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 208 King-street, Newtown.

SORRELL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. SORRELL, of Stanmore, and Mr. and Mrs. J. BARTLE, of Paddington, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER; to leave his late residence, Glen Ayr, 43 Salisbury-street, Stanmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Newtown Station. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 208 King-street, Newtown.

SORRELL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES P. YOUNG, of Mansfield, Petersham-road, Marrickville, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved UNCLE; to leave his late residence, Glen Ayr, 43 Salisbury-street, Stanmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Newtown Station. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 208 King-street, Newtown.

SORRELL.—The Friends of Mr. ANDREW BELL, of Denison-street, Camperdown, and Mr. WM. THOS. BELL, of Dixon-street, Newtown, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Wm. Thos. Sorrell, which will leave his late residence, Glen Ayr, 43 Salisbury-street, Stanmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Newtown Station. F. W. Hartley, U'taker.

VERCOE.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. CATHERINE VERCOE are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave Mount Carmel R. C. Church, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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VERCOE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A., Mr. and Mrs. J. B., and Mr. and Mrs. B. VERCOE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER; to leave Mount Carmel R. C. Church, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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VERCOE.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY TIMBRELL and Mr. and Mrs. T. O'DRISCOLL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER, Mrs. Catherine Vercoe; to leave Mount Carmel R. C. Church, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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HADDEN.—The Friends of Mr. RICHARD HADDEN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE; to move from No. 93 Metropolitan-road, Enmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Newtown Station.
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HADDEN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. WATSON, J. SELBY, P. BRUCE, H. COOK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER; to move from No. 93 Metropolitan-road, Enmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Newtown Station.
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HADDEN.—The Friends of Mr. E. PODGER, of Cook's River-road, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late FRIEND, Mrs. E. Hadden; to move from 93 Metropolitan-road, Enmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Newtown Station.
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CASEY.—REQUIEM MASS for the Repose of the Soul of the late JOHN VINCENT CASEY will be celebrated at 8 o'clock THIS MORNING, in St. MARTHA'S CHURCH, Strathfield.

CASEY.—The Funeral of the late JOHN VINCENT CASEY will leave his late residence, Colombiere, Woodward-avenue, Strathfield, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood, by road. By request, no flowers. THOMAS CAPLES, Funeral Director. Tel., 143 Burwood.

DUNCAN.—The Friends of Mr. FLEMING MILLER DUNCAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave his residence, Woid's-avenue, Hurstville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Woronora Cemetery, Sutherland, via Hurstville Station, by train leaving Sydney at 2.10 p.m. COFFILL and COMPANY, Central Office, Rawson-place.

DUNCAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. FINCH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Sophie Duncan; to leave Woid's-avenue, Hurstville, THIS AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock, for Woronora Cemetery, via Hurstville Station.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Sydney and Suburbs.

HOWELL.—The Friends of the late RAYMOND HENRY HOWELL are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 25 Jersey-road, Woollahra, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 3 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

KELLY.—The Friends of the NEPHEWS and NIECES of the late MARIA KELLY are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave 12 Stewart-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Friday), at 1 p.m., for the Necropolis.
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KELLY.—The Friends of Mrs. DALY and Mr. NICHOLAS CULLEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Maria Kelly; to leave 12 Stewart-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Friday), at 1 p.m., for the Necropolis.
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